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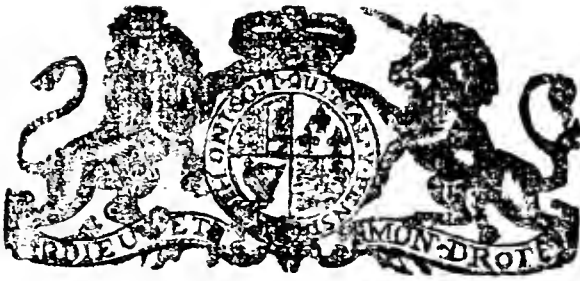






January, 1776.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *January*, in the Year of our LORD One Thoufand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, and Sixteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *G E O R G E* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq;*

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;  
 SIMEON POTTER, Esq;  
 AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;  
 JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
 JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
 JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
 PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;  
 JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq;  
 THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
 DEPUTIES

## D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

<i>The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.</i>	
N E W P O R T :	CHARLESTOWN :
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gi-</i>	Ⓒ <i>Capt. Joseph Stanton, jun.</i>
deon)	Ⓒ <i>Mr. James Congdon, the 3d.</i>
Paul Mumford, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. John Tanner.	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Jonathan Comstock,</i>
Mr. Joseph Anthony,	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Joseph Case.</i>
Mr. Thomas Freebody,	Ⓒ COVENTRY :
Col. Joseph Belcher.	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Ephraim Westcoat.</i>
PROVIDENCE :	Ⓒ EXETER :
Mr. John Jenckes,	Ⓒ <i>Jeffery Wilcox, Esq;</i>
Mr. John Smith,	Ⓒ MIDDLETOWN :
Col. John Mathewson.	Ⓒ <i>Mr. James Potter,</i>
PORTSMOUTH :	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Nicholas Easton.</i>
Mr. Job Durfee.	Ⓒ BRISTOL :
WARWICK :	Ⓒ <i>Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;</i>
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ <i>Benjamin Bosworth, Esq;</i>
Mr. Jacob Greene,	Ⓒ TIVERTON :
Col. John Waterman,	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Thomas Corey,</i>
Charles Holden, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ <i>Col. John Cooke.</i>
WESTERLY :	Ⓒ LITTLE-COMPTON :
<i>Major-General Joshua Babcock.</i>	Ⓒ <i>Capt. Thomas Brownell,</i>
Col. Joseph Noyes.	Ⓒ <i>Col. William Richmond.</i>
NEW-SHOCKHAM :	Ⓒ WARREN :
N O N E.	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Cromel Child,</i>
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Ⓒ <i>Mr. James Miller.</i>
John Northup, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ CUMBERLAND :
Sylvester Gardner, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ <i>John Dexter, Esq;</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Rufus Bartlet.</i>
John Potter, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ RICHMOND :
Mr. Job Watton.	Ⓒ <i>Edward Perry, Esq;</i>
EAST GREENWICH :	Ⓒ <i>Mr. William Telft.</i>
Mr. Job Gardner,	Ⓒ CRANSTON :
Mr. Allen Johnson.	Ⓒ <i>Christopher Lippitt, Esq;</i>
JAMESTOWN :	Ⓒ <i>Mr. Andrew Harris.</i>
<i>Capt. Samuel Carr.</i>	Ⓒ HOPKINTON :
SMITHFIELD :	Ⓒ <i>Mr. John Larkin,</i>
Mr. Arnold Paine,	Ⓒ <i>Capt. Thomas Wells.</i>
Stephen Whipple, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ JOHNSTON :
SCITUATE :	Ⓒ <i>Edward Fenner, Esq;</i>
William West, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ <i>Caleb Harris, Esq;</i>
Mr. Christopher Potter.	Ⓒ NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
GLOUCESTER :	Ⓒ <i>Capt. Job Olney.</i>
Silas Williams, <i>Esq;</i>	Ⓒ BARRINGTON :
Mr. Daniel Owen.	Ⓒ <i>Col. Nathaniel Martin,</i>
	Ⓒ <i>Capt. Thomas Allen.</i>
JOSIAS LYNDON, <i>Esq;</i> Clerk of the Lower House.	

**I**t is Voted and Resolved, That a Deputy be chosen for the Town of *Providence*, in the Room of *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; a Deputy for the Town of *Hopkinton*, in the Room of *Capt. Thomas Wells*; and a Deputy for the Town of *North-Providence*, in the Room of *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; and that the Speaker of this House be requested to issue his Warrants accordingly.

Deputies to be chosen in the Room of Absentees.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, and *Joseph Noyes*, Esquires, and Mr. *Ephraim Westcoat*, exhibited unto this Assembly the following Account and Report, to wit:

*Colony of Rhode-Island to the following Persons, Inhabitants of the Town of New-Shoreham, Dr.*

Account of the Sales of Beef, &c. purchased at Block-Island.

FOR a Quantity of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered for the Use of said Colony, in Consequence of an Agreement made by said Inhabitants with *William Greene*, *Joseph Noyes*, and *Ephraim Westcoat*, the Committee specially appointed by the General Committee, empowered to act during the Recess of the General Assembly.

To 1410 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Samuel Rathbone</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	}	£ 14 2 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
To 299 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Joseph Locke</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.		
To 2381 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>William Greene</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	}	23 16 4 $\frac{1}{4}$
To 1426 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Edward Sands, jun.</i> at 20 s. per Cwt.		
To 1465 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Thomas Dickens</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	}	14 13 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
To 984 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>John Littlefield, Esq;</i> at 20 s. per Cwt.		

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To 2101 lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>John Franklin</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} £ 21 0 2½
To 515½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Nathaniel Littlefield</i> , jun. at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 5 3 1½
To 5571 lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>John Sands</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 55 12 2½
To 376 lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Hezekiah Dodge</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 3 15 3½
To 1414 lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Ezekiel Sheffield</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 14 2 11½
To 1188½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Tormut Rose</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 11 17 9
To 424½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Caleb Olin</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 4 4 11½
To 459½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Nothaniel Lock</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 4 11 10½
To 1287½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Stephen Franklin</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 12 17 6½
To 488½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>John Sprague</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt. (including 27½ lb. of Tallow, at 4 d. which he reserved to himself) there remains due to him,	} 4 8 6
To 753½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Ezekiel Rose</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.	} 7 10 8½
To 435½ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Henry Willis</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt. (including 19½ lb. of Tallow, at 4 d. which he reserved to himself) there remains due to him,	} 4 0 6½

To

To 400 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Christopher Trim</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt. (including 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Tallow, at 4 d. which he reserved to himself) there remains due to him,	}	£ 3 13 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
To 341 lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Thomas Mitchell</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.		
To 371 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Jeremiah Mitchell</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.		
To 385 lb. of Beef, Hides and Tallow, delivered by <i>Jonathan Mitchell</i> , at 20 s. per Cwt.		
		243 12 9 $\frac{3}{4}$

To which Report they subjoined the following Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in performing said Service, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers, in Consequence of their Appointment aforementioned, have been in the above and foregoing Service as follows, *to wit* :

<i>William Greene</i> , and Horse, 15 Days, at 6 s. and 36 Meals, at 6 d.	}	£ 5 8 0	£ 15 1 s. allowed to sundry Persons.
<i>Ephraim Westcoat</i> , and Horse, 15 Days, at 6 s. and 50 Meals, at 6 d.			
<i>Joseph Noyes</i> himself, 13 Days, at 6 s.			
		15 1 0	

THE above and foregoing is submitted for the Approbation of the Honorable the General Assembly, to be holden at *Providence* the Second *Monday* of this inst. *January*.

WILLIAM GREENE,  
EPHRAIM WESTCOAT,  
JOSEPH NOYES.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same

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same is hereby accepted; that the Account of Beef, Hides and Tallow, received of the Inhabitants of *New-Shoreham*, amounting to *Two Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings* Lawful Money, be allowed; that each particular Sum be paid to the respective Persons who delivered said Beef, Hides and Tallow, out of the General-Treasury; that the Account of the Committee, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds One Shilling* Lawful Money, be also allowed; and that the same be paid to the said *William Greene*, *Ephraim Westcoat*, and *Joseph Noyes*, as respectively due to them, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Greene* allowed *£ 6 6 s. 4 d.*

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; one of the above mentioned Committee, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Cash paid the Hire of a Boat and Hands to carry the Committee to *Block-Island*, for Money advanced to the Committee, and for sundry other Expences which accrued in performing said Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Six Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

Time lengthened for filing Answers to *Kent* Court.

WHEREAS the Sitting of the General Assembly, at this Time, interferes with the Time of filing Answers at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Kent*, so that the Attornies cannot attend that Service: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That any Person or Persons who have Actions commenced against them to said Court, may have Liberty of filing Answers thereto upon the first and second Days of said Term, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

*W. Greene* allowed *£ 5 13 s. 4 d.*

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; who was appointed one of the Committee to settle the Accounts of the Minute-



Minute Men, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Proportion of what was allowed the Committee for performing said Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Horse-hire and Expences of himself and Servant in going to *Cambridge*, to assist in a Committee of Congress for establishing the Army, for Cash paid sundry Persons for going Expresses on public Business, and for sundry other Services and Expences: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Thirty Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

Governor  
Cooke allowed  
£ 30 4 1/2  
6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Hoxsie* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account of Sales of Seventy-four Sheep, being the Remainder of the Sheep taken from *New Shoreham*, which remained in his Hands unsold; which Account is as follows, *to wit*:

Sales of  
Sheep at  
Charlestown

Sold to <i>Thomas Clarke</i> 20 Sheep,	£ 4 12 0
Sold to <i>Peleg Peckham</i> 27 Ditto,	4 18 5 1/2
Sold to <i>Samuel Cross</i> 27 Ditto,	4 18 5 1/2
Per JOSEPH HOXSIE.	<hr/> 14 8 10 1/2

AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid by the said *Joseph Hoxsie* into the General-Treasury.

J. Hoxsie to  
pay £ 14 8 10 1/2  
into the  
General-  
Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Accounts of the Sales of Sheep and Lambs at *Westerly*, to wit :

Sales of  
Sheep and  
Lambs at  
*Westerly*.

AN Account of Sales of 158 Sheep and Lambs, sold by Order of the General Assembly, by a Committee, viz. *Joshua Babcock*, *Joseph Hoxfie*, and *Abel Tanner*, at the Dwelling-House of said *Babcock*, in *Westerly*, September 11, 1775.

Sold to Major <i>John Cotterell</i> 10 Sheep and 10 Lambs, at 3 s.	} £ 3 0 0
Sold to <i>Paul Clarke</i> 10 Sheep and 10 Lambs, at 3 s.	} 3 0 0
Sold to <i>John Larkin</i> 10 Sheep and 10 Lambs, at 3 s. 3 d.	} 3 5 0
Sold to <i>Stephen Saunders</i> , jun. 20 Sheep, at 4 s. 7 d.	} 4 11 8
Sold to <i>John Greene</i> 20 Lambs, at 2 s. 7 d.	2 11 8
Sold to <i>Peleg Berry</i> 14 Ditto, at 2 s. 11 d.	2 0 10
Sold to <i>John Williams</i> 18 Sheep, at 4 s.	3 12 0
Sold to <i>Adam Williams</i> 6 Lambs, at 2 s. 4 d.	0 14 0
Sold to <i>Edward Bliven</i> 20 Ditto, at 2 s. 7 d.	2 11 8
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Sheep and Lambs, 158.	25 6 10

SALES of 71 Sheep and Lambs, by *George Sheffeld*, *Joshua Babcock*, and *Abel Tanner*, at Mr. *James Rhodes's* Dwelling-House, in *Westerly*, October 4, 1775.

Sold to <i>Benedict Babcock</i> 22 Sheep, at 5 s. 6 d.	} £ 6 1 0
Sold to <i>Daniel Collins</i> 1 Ditto,	0 5 6
Sold to Col. <i>William Pendleton</i> 20 Lambs, at 3 s. 9 d.	} 3 15 0
Sold to Capt. <i>Amos Pendleton</i> 5 Sheep, at 5 s.	} 1 5 0
Sold to Capt. <i>Benjamin Pendleton</i> 5 Ditto, at 5 s.	} 1 5 0

Sold

Sold to George Sheffield, jun. 18 Ditto, } £ 4 0 3  
at 4 s. 5½,

Sheep and Lambs, 71. 16 11 9  
Amount of the other Sales, 25 6 10

41 18 7

Errors excepted. JOSHUA BABCOCK.

AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is J. Babcock to Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is pay £ 41 8 s. allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty- 7 d. Lawful* Money into one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence Lawful the General-Money, be paid by the said *Joshua Babcock* into the Treasury. General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Esther Babcock* preferred a Petition *E. Cole* to pay to this Assembly, praying that an Order drawn by *E. Babcock* the George Rome on *Edward Cole*, and lodged in the Hands Amount of an Order drawn of *John Bours*, for her Use, may be paid out of the on him by Estate of the said *George Rome*, in the Hands of the *G. Rome*. said *Edward Cole*, it being attached for the Use of the Colony: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Edward Cole*, or his Agent, be permitted to discharge said Order, according to the Tenor thereof.

WHEREAS Col. *Simeon Potter* hath, to the last In- *W. Richmond* ferior Court in the County of *Bristol*, brought for- Indemnified ward an Action against *Charles Dudley*, Esq; and made against the an Attachment of the Effects of the said *Charles Dud- Attachment ley*, in the Hands of Col. *William Richmond*; said Ef- made by *S. Potter* of the fects being taken into Possession by General *Hopkins*, Goods of in Behalf of the Colony: *It is therefore Voted and Re- G. Dudley, in solved*, That this Colony do indemnify the said Col. his Hands, *Richmond*, and take the Defence of said Attachment upon them.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Peirce* exhibited unto this *G. Peirce* al- Assembly an Account, by him charged against the lowed £ 1 1 s. Colony, 5 d:  
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Colony, for Lead and Flints, by him provided for the Use of the Town of *Exeter*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound One Shilling and Fivepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *George Pearce*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee  
to prepare a  
State of the  
Colony to be  
transmitted  
to Congress.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, the Secretary, *William Ellery*, *Joseph Brown*, *Henry Marchant*, *Sylvester Child*, and *Gideon Mumford*, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the State of this Colony, and the Measures necessary for the Defence thereof; that they prepare a suitable Address to the Honorable the Continental Congress, representing the Inability of the Colony, from its Situation, Smallness and Poverty, to defend itself, and praying that we may receive Assistance; that they also consider in what Places it will be best to station the Troops now in the Service of the Colony; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Two Cannon  
at North-  
*Kingstown* to  
be mounted  
on Carriages.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the two Nine Pound Cannon at *North-Kingstown* be put on Field Carriages, by *John Northup*, Esq; at the Charge of the Colony.

Cannon pur-  
chased of *M.*  
*Bowler*, and  
he allowed  
450 Dollars.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Colony purchase of *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; nine Cannon, with the Shot and other Stores belonging to him now in the Government's Possession in the Fort at *East-Greenwich*; and that the said *Metcalf Bowler* receive *Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars* for the same, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee  
for signing  
the Money,  
to remove to  
*J. Cetter's*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the present Committee for signing the last Emission of the Paper Currency be permitted to remove to the Dwelling-House

House of Mr. *John Carter*, Printer, for signing the same; any Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Sheldon* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Col. *Robert Brown*, for one Gun pressed in the Colony's Service, which was taken at *Jamestown* by Capt. *Wallace*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money be paid the said *James Sheldon* therefor, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Sheldon* allowed £ 2 14 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commissary of the Army on *Rhode-Island* be allowed One and an Half per Cent. for purchasing and delivering out the Provisions for the said Soldiers, and no more.

Commissary allowed One and an Half per Cent.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *John Grimes* be Commander of the Row-Galley to be fitted out, at the Wages of *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money per Month, to commence from this Day, and to be Commodore of both Row-Gallies: That the Wages of Capt. *Benjamin Page* be raised to *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money per Month, commencing from this Time: That each of said Gallies be manned with Fifty Men, including Officers; and that *Thomas Arnold*, of *East-Greenwich*, be appointed First Lieutenant, *Samuel Viol*, of *Rehoboth*, Second Lieutenant, and *John Kelton*, of *Providence*, Master of said Row-Galley.

Officers appointed for the Row-Gallies.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Regiment at the last Session be augmented to Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, exclusive of the Artillery Company; and that the same consist of Twelve Companies.

Regiment ordered at last Session to be augmented to 750 Men.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the Committee who received the Money at *Philadelphia*.

IN Pursuance of the Appointment of this Honorable Assembly, to wait upon the Honorable the Continental

tinental Congress, with the Accounts of this Colony, we proceeded immediately to *Philadelphia*, and on our Arrival there we made known our Business to the Delegates of this Colony, who made Application to the Congress for Orders to the Committee of Claims, for the Adjustment of the Accounts. Very soon after opening the Papers before that Committee, Objections were made to the Charges of Small-Arms and Bounties; and as no Accounts had been presented by the other *New-England* Colonies, we thought it most advisable to wave the Settlement of the Accounts, till the other Colony Accounts should be brought forward for Adjustment, and to make a Demand of a Sum in Behalf of the Colony. We consulted our Delegates upon that Subject, who advised the Measure, and we adopted it, and obtained an Order of Congress for *One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars*, which we received; and have paid into the General-Treasury *One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars*, which, with *Eight Hundred Dollars* the Delegates took to their own Account, make the Sum of the Order. We also received a Draught drawn by General *Hopkins*, for *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, on Messieurs *Hillegas* and *Clymer*, the Continental Treasurers, which was also paid to us, and we have paid that Sum also into the General-Treasury; for both which Sums we have the Treasurer's Receipts.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*Providence, January 8, 1776.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

Allowance to the marching Troops in the Colony. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That for the future all Persons who entertain any of the marching Troops in this Colony, if they supply but three Meals of Victuals before the Troops leave the House, they shall be allowed *Ninepence per Meal*; if more than three Meals,

Meals, that they be allowed for the whole at the Rate of *Nine Shillings per Week* : That in cold Weather *Twopence per Night* shall be allowed for each Soldier's Lodging : That no Liquor be found them upon the Colony's Account : And that this Act be published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Accounts of Mr. *Paul Allen* be referred to Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, and that they settle and adjust all said Accounts, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to settle *P. Allen's* Accounts.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Samuel Westcot* be chosen and appointed First Lieutenant of the Row-Galley, commanded by Capt. *John Grimes*, in the Room of *Thomas Arnold*, who refuses; and that Mr. *Francis Bradfield* be appointed Master of said Row-Galley, in the Room of *John Kilton*, who refuses.

Officers appointed for the Row-Galley.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to discharge all Accounts of billeting Soldiers on *Block-Island*, that are properly authenticated by the Commanding Officers.

Treasurer to discharge the Accounts of billeting Soldiers on *Block-Island*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Hoxsie, jun.* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for keeping Fifty-one of the Sheep taken from *New-Shoreham* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Benjamin Hoxsie, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Hoxsie, jun.* allowed 17 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Abel Tanner* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in attending the Sale of the Sheep brought from *Block-Island*, and for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in performing said Business : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,

*A. Tanner* allowed £ 3 6 s.

*Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Abel Tanner*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. and W. Vernon allowed £100 Sterling.* WHEREAS Messieurs *Samuel* and *William Vernon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against *Jacob Greene* and Company, for six new double-fortified Four Pound Cannon, with their Carriages, together with 130 round Shot, 6 Bags of Grape Shot, some sliding and Bar Shot, with Ladles, Rammers, Sponges, Worms, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred Pounds Sterling*, be paid the said *Samuel* and *William Vernon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Tew allowed £2 3s 3d.* WHEREAS Mr. *George Tew* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billering a Number of Persons who went as Volunteers, under the Command of Capt. *John Gardner*, on the Alarm of *Jamestown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Nine Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *George Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Tyler allowed £2 14s.* WHEREAS Mr. *Pepperell Tyler* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse hire and Expences, in going to *Cambridge*, to guard a Quantity of Powder sent thither by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Pepperell Tyler*, out of the General-Treasury.

*D. W. Hockey allowed £1 5s 6d.* WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel W. Hockey* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony.



Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in warning the Members of the General Assembly in the County of *Newport* to meet at *Providence* in *October* last, and for assisting the Sheriff in taking an Inventory of the Estates of *Jahleel* and *Benjamin Brenton*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Five Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel W. Hookey*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *Narraganset*, to warn one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas to meet at *Newport*, to prevent the falling through of said Court: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Tew* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Persons, who went as Volunteers under the Command of Col. *Henry Babcock*, on the Alarm at *Jamestown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *George Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the said *George Tew* presented unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the Colony, for fifteen Dinners provided for one of the *North-Kingstown* Companies which went on the Alarm at *Jamestown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Shillings and*

and Tenpence Halfpenny Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Burr* al-  
lowed £ 2  
11 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse hire and Expences, in going Express to his Excellency General *Washington*, at *Cambridge*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*D. Weeden*,  
jun. allowed  
£ 8 19 s. 12 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Weeden*, jun. presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers belonging to Lieutenant *Royzel Smith's* Company, stationed on *Jamestown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel Weeden*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Borden* al-  
lowed £ 4 4 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Borden* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Quantity of Plank by him provided for the Use of the Platforms at *Howland's Ferry*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Stephen Borden*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Belcher*  
allowed £ 16  
19 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Belcher* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Number of Spades, Shovels, Pick-Axes and Hoes, collected by Order of General *Hopkins*, and for Eighteen Copper Gun-Ladles, and Two Hundred Nails,

Nails, supplied for the Use of the Row-Galley : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Hill* presented a Petition and Remonstrance unto this Assembly, setting forth, that at the last Session of Assembly an Act or Resolution was passed, that the Petitioner should be permitted to make Sale of the Goods he had then on Commission, the Property of *Gilbert Deblois*, upon the Terms of his Contract with the said *Deblois*; that he account monthly with the General-Treasurer ; that he render an Account on Oath of what Debts and Effects he had in his Hands the Property of said *Deblois*, and that an Inventory be taken by the Sheriff : Previous to the passing of which Act or Resolution, he the Petitioner was made to understand, that it was the Intention of the Assembly, that the Goods on Hand should be delivered him at the prime Cost and Charges, for him to sell out, and to account to the General-Treasurer, without any Demand of any small or trivial Profits which might arise from Factorage, &c. which it was thought the Colony would not condescend to intermeddle with or exact ; since which he has been informed of the Vote aforesaid, the complying with which will put him in a much worse Situation than he was under by his Contract with Mr. *Deblois*, as the Goods now on Hand are very much unsorted, and consist chiefly of Remnants, which by Contract Mr. *Deblois* was obliged to take back, and in Lieu thereof to furnish such Goods as were saleable, which the Colony do not mean to do on their Part ; and thereupon prayed that the House would re-consider their former Resolution, and permit him to sell the said Goods, accounting with the Colony only for the prime Cost and Charges, and that he will pay the Money into the General-Treasury as often as this Assembly may think proper ; and further prayed, that he might have the

*J. Hill's* Petition granted.

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Collection, in Behalf of the Colony, of the Debts due to the said *Deblois*.

AND this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, do thereupon *Vote and Resolve*, and *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*E. Coffin's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Coffin*, of *Nantucket*, preferred a Petition, and represented to this Assembly, that in Consequence of a Permit from the Select-Men of *Falmouth*, he purchased a Quantity of Apples and Cyder, with a Design to lade the same on board his said Schooner, now in this Colony, for *Nantucket*, and applied to his Honor the Governor for a Permit for that Purpose, who was pleased to grant the same, he complying with the Regulations therein mentioned; that having laded the same on board said Schooner, and being ready to sail, the Sheriff, by Order of his Honor the Governor, took said Vessel and Effects into his Custody, whereupon the Petitioner again applied to his Honor the Governor, and informed him of all and singular the Premises, who was pleased to entrust to his Care a Request to the Sheriff to permit said Vessel to sail for *Nantucket*, and that nothing be laded on board except Apples and Cyder: Yet notwithstanding, two Days afterwards, and before the Petitioner could sail, the same Sheriff took said Vessel and Effects into his Custody, in Consequence of a second Command from his Honor the Governor, and still holds and detains the same, although the Petitioner hath always demeaned himself irreproachably, strictly observing and obeying as well the Commands of his Honor the Governor, as of the several Committees, and others his Superiors, in their several Offices and Departments, in no Matter whatever contravening their Commands; and that his said Cargo and Effects are perishable, and have in all Probability suffered in the late severe Weather, and further Detention will ensure great Loss, and expose the said Vessel and Cargo to the most imminent Danger, especially at this rigorous Season of the Year; and thereupon

upon prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and permit him to depart in Peace with his Effects.

AND this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted, upon Condition that the Petitioner give Bond with good Sureties to the General-Treasurer, to deliver the Goods mentioned in said Petition at *Nantucket*, and to return to the General-Treasurer a Certificate for the same.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, Keeper of his Majesty's *J. Tew* al-Gaol in the County of *Newport*, presented unto this Assembly two several Accounts, by him charged <sup>allowed £ 2</sup> <sub>3 s. also £ 5</sub> <sup>6 d.</sup> against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison-Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit: And the said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed; and that the Amount of the first Account, being *Two Pounds Three Shillings*, as also the Amount of the second Account, being *Five Pounds and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *James Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; one of the Com- <sup>Go Mumford</sup> mittee who went to *Philadelphia*, to settle and adjust <sup>allowed £ 31</sup> the Accounts of this Colony with the United Colonies, <sup>8 s.</sup> and to receive the Money due to this Colony, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in performing said Business: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-one Pounds Eight Shillings* thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; another of the said *T. Greene* al-Committee, laid before this Assembly an Account, by <sup>allowed £ 75</sup> <sub>him 8 s.</sub>

him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in performing said Service; for Monies advanced to *Gideon Mumford*, one of said Committee; Cash paid the keeping of two Horses belonging to the Colony, and for a Bag to bring the Money in: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seventy-five Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Brenton's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Brenton*, who was taken into Custody, by Order of General *Hopkins*, and his Estate and Interest taken into Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, on Account of his being inimical to this his native Country, and to the Liberties of *America*, and upon a Suggestion of his supplying the ministerial Fleet, stationed in the Harbour of *Newport*, with live Sock, &c. preferred a Petition to this Assembly, asserting his Innocence, declaring his Regard for the Liberties of his Country, and promising that his future Conduct shall be agreeable to the Rules of the Honorable the Continental Congress, and of this General Assembly; and thereupon prayed that he might be reinstated in the Friendship and Esteem of his Countrymen; that he might be permitted to return to his distressed Family; and that his Estate and Interest might be restored to him.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*N. Mumford*  
allowed £ 42  
11. 6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, one of the Committee who went to *Philadelphia* to receive the Money due to this Colony from the Continental-Treasury, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in performing said Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That *Forty-two Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence* thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid to the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Watch, consisting of not more than Six Men, be kept in each of the Towns bordering upon the Sea, upon the *Narraganset Bay*, and *Weybosset*, *Seconet* and *Warren Rivers*, at the Expence of the Colony, excepting in those Towns where Troops are, or shall be stationed : That the Colonels of each respective Regiment be empowered and directed to place the said Watch : That each Man be allowed *Three Shillings per Night*, he finding himself : And that the several Colonels be empowered to draw upon the General-Treasurer for the Expences thereof.

Watch to be kept in the Towns bordering upon the Sea.

WHEREAS Mr. *Paul Allen*, one of the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Minute-Men, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Proportion of what was allowed the Committee for performing said Service : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Four Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Paul Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Allen* allowed £ 4 4<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup>.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for warning the Members in said County, and attending on the General Assembly at sundry Times, providing Wood, &c. for the Court House, and divers other Services : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Rice* allowed £ 16 2<sup>s</sup> 9<sup>d</sup>.

*A. Peck* allowed £ 4  
12 s 8 d  
and *S. Burr*  
allowed 12 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ambrose Peck* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for stocking and fixing a Number of Guns belonging to the Colony, and for *Simon Burr's* carrying and taking Care of said Guns, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money thereof be paid to the said *Ambrose Peck*, and the Remainder, being *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Simon Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Church* to collect the Colony's Arms at the Camp near *Boston*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Thomas Church* be and he is hereby appointed to repair to the Camp near *Boston*, and collect all the Small-Arms there belonging to the Colony, and bring them up to this Colony ; that he receive the Money due for those Arms that were appraised ; that he enquire after the Locks belonging to the Colony, and bring them up also ; and that he deliver the Guns and Locks to Mr. *John Smith*, of *Providence*, to be by him delivered to the Committee of Safety of each County in Proportion.

Artillery Companies to be established in the Towns upon the Sea Coast.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That there be an Artillery Company, to consist of Fourteen Men, each including Officers, raised in each of the following Towns, to wit : *Providence, Warwick, Cranston, East-Greenwich, North-Kingstown, South-Kingstown, Jamestown, Charlestown, Westerly, Warren, Bristol, Barrington, Portsmouth, Little-Compton, Tiverton, Newport, and Middletown* ; that each of said Towns be supplied, at the Charge of the Colony, with Two Three or Four Pound Field Pieces, on Carriages, with other Appurtenances, (excepting the Towns of *Providence, East-Greenwich, North-Kingstown*, and *Newport*, which are already supplied ; that the said Companies meet Half a Day in every Week, to exercise the Cannon, and be allowed *One Shilling* Lawful Money for their Time each  
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Half Day ; and when they are called upon to march out to Action, to be allowed the same Wages as the other Artillery Companies ; that the Officers on exercising Days be allowed as follows ; the Captain *Two Shillings and Sixpence*, and the Lieutenant *Two Shillings Lawful Money per Half Day*, which Officers are to be chosen by the respective Towns ; that the several Towns proceed to choose the Officers, and the Officers enlist the Men immediately ; that an Ammunition Cart be provided for each Town ; and that the Committee of Safety for each County be directed to see that each of the Towns be provided with Cannon, &c. agreeable to this Vote.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *James Angell*, Committee to prepare a Bill for equipping a Body of Minute Men, and for encouraging the Manufactures of Salt-petre and Gunpowder, and make Report thereof to this Session of Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That another Regiment of Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, including Officers, to consist of Twelve Companies, be raised for the Defence of this Colony, over and above what has been already ordered to be raised.

WHEREAS *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, and *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, have been employed in Business by this General Assembly, so that they have not been able to serve several Executions committed to them, returnable to the Inferior Court to be holden in and for the County of *Kent* on *Monday* next : *It is therefore Resolved*, That the said *Paul Tew* and *Henry Rice* be empowered to serve and return said Executions any Time before *Saturday* the Twenty-seventh Instant, which shall then be returned into the Clerk's Office of said Court ; and that such Service and Return shall be as good

good and valid, as though the same were made any Time heretofore, any Law or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

*P. Tew* allowed £ 6  
11 s.

WHEREAS *Paul Tew*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for checked Shirts furnished two Prisoners, by Order of Assembly; for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in warning fundry Members of the General Assembly; guarding Mr. *Stanhope* eight Nights, by Order of his Honor the Governor; and fundry other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Olney* allowed 15 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Olney* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Firing and Candles, furnished the Guards who attended Mr. *Stanhope*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Olney*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Page* allowed £ 380  
12 s. 2½.

WHEREAS *Ambrose Page*, Esq; who was appointed to build two Row-Gallies, for the Service of the Colony, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials by him furnished, and for his Time in attending said Business: And the said Account having been duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported a Balance of *Three Hundred and Eighty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Two-pence Halfpenny* Lawful Money due to the said *Ambrose Page*; which being considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that said Balance be paid the said *Ambrose Page*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS a Number of Accounts were presented  $\text{£ } 43 \text{ } 18 \text{ } 1$ .  
 unto this Assembly, by divers Persons charged against  $6 \text{ } d. \frac{1}{2}$  allow-  
 the Colony, for keeping the Sheep taken from the ed to fundry  
 Islands, noufying, and fundry Expences attending the Persons.  
 the Sale, billeting and Ferriages of a Number of the  
 Colony Troops, and divers other Services : And the  
 said Accounts having been duly examined by Mr.  
*Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mum-*  
*ford*, Esquires, who reported the following Sums due  
 thereon, that is to say, to *Nathaniel Martin, Two Pounds*  
*Nineteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny ; Thomas*  
*Gardner, One Pound Ten Shillings and Threepence ; Ray*  
*Sands, Sixteen Shillings and Fourpence ; Gideon Northup,*  
*One Pound Seven Shillings and Fourpence ; John Mowrey,*  
*One Pound Seven Shillings ; Edmund Barber, Twenty-*  
*eight Pounds ; Matthew Allen, Thirteen Shillings ; Jeshua*  
*Babcock, Five Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence ; and*  
*Gideon Spencer, Two Pounds Four Shillings : All which*  
 being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted*  
*and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; that  
 the said Accounts be and hereby are allowed ; and  
 that the several Sums therein mentioned be paid to  
 each of the Persons to whom the same is respectively  
 due, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Five P. Pearce al-*  
*Pounds Five Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny Lawful*  $\text{£ } 5 \text{ } 5 \text{ } 1$ .  
 Money be paid to Major *Preserved Pearce*, out of the  $7 \text{ } d. \frac{1}{2}$ .  
 General-Treasury ; it being the Sum voted to the said  
*Pearce*, the last Session of Assembly, in the Affair of  
*Stephen Arnold*.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Arnold* exhibited unto this *W. Arnold al-*  
 Assembly an Account, by him charged against Capt. *Stephen Sheldon*, for billeting Part of his Company,  $\text{£ } 1 \text{ } 5 \text{ } 1$ .  
 and one Night's Keeping for his Horse : And the said  $2 \text{ } d. \frac{1}{2}$ .  
 Account having been duly examined by a Committee,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and here-  
 by is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being  
*One Pound Five Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny Law-*

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ful Money, be paid the said *William Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Cushing*  
allowed £ 3  
1 s. 1 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Josiah Cushing* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Provisions and Liquor supplied the Soldiers, who went on the Alarm to *Prudence*: And the said Account having been duly examined by a Committee, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds One Shilling and One Penny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Josiah Cushing*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Waldron*  
allowed £ 1  
2 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Waldron* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Hire of his Horse, in going on sundry Expresses for the public Service, for billeting a Number of Soldiers, and for the Use of his Horse and Cart, to transport their Baggage to *Bristol Ferry*: And the said Account having been duly examined by a Committee, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Two Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Waldron*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Brown* to  
pay £ 43  
12 s. to sundry  
Persons.

WHEREAS Capt. *Abial Brown* laid before this Assembly an Account, charged against the Colony by sundry Persons who served under him as Minute-Men, for their Services and Expences in the Action on *Jamestown*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Abial Brown*, out of the General-Treasury, to be by him paid to the several Persons named in said Account.

*A. Brown* allowed £ 12  
10 s. 1 d.

WHEREAS the said *Abial Brown* laid before this Assembly an Account, charged against him by sundry Persons,

Persons, for Damage and Loss sustained in their Furniture, &c. in the late Attack on *Jamestown* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny* thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid to the said *Abial Brown*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Wilbour* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in superintending and getting in the Harvest on the Farm late belonging to *George Rome* : And the said Account having been duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esq; who reported a Balance of *Eight Pounds One Shilling and Twopence One Farthing* Lawful Money due thereon to the said *William Wilbour* ; which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted ; and that said Balance be paid the said *William Wilbour*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Wilbour*  
allowed £ 8  
1 s. 2 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

WHEREAS a Number of Accounts were laid before this Assembly, by sundry Persons charged against the Colony, for Materials and making sundry Repairs on the *Washington* Galley, for sundry Expences that accrued in keeping the Sheep brought from *New-Shoreham*, notifying and attending the Sale, &c. for the Ferriages, and billeting a Number of Soldiers who went on the Alarm at *Jamestown*, and for sundry other Services : And the said Accounts having been duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene* and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported the following Sums due thereon to the several Persons therein named, to wit : To *Robert Perrigo*, *Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence* ; *Amos Gardner*, *Five Pounds Eight Shillings* ; *Stephen Perry*, *Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Tenpence* ; *Edward Perry*, *One Pound Seven Shillings and Sevenpence* ; *Robert Congdon*, *Eight Pounds Three Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny* ; *Caleb Child*, *Thirty-seven Pounds Four Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny* ;

£ 89 14 s.  
11 d. allow-  
ed to sundry  
Persons.

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*Jacob Whitman, Five Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Five-pence; William Hear, One Pound One Shilling and Six-pence; Gideon Hoxsie, Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Ninepence; and Jonathon Pearce, Sixteen Shillings and Sevenpence: All which being duly considered by this Assembly, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; that the said Accounts be allowed; and that the several Sums therein mentioned be paid, out of the General-Treasury, to each of the Persons to whom the same is respectively due.*

*J. Carter* allowed £ 87 18 s. 11 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ . WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing an Emission of the Lawful Money Bills, publishing sundry Acts of Assembly and Advertisements in the *Providence Gazette*, Postage of sundry Letters for his Honor the Governor relating to public Business, printing a Number of Proclamations, and inserting the same in the *Gazette*, and sundry other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Cole* allowed £ 16 16 s. 2 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Cole* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers and Minute-Men going to *Rhode-Island*, and for Provisions and Liquor supplied a Number of Prisoners, who were brought under a Guard to *Providence*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Sixteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ebenezer Cole*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Knowles* allowed £ 1 4 s. 9 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Hazard Knowles* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting Col. *George Pierce's* Company, when

when going to *Jamestown* in the Time of the Alarm: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Hazard Knowles*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the said *Hazard Knowles* laid before this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the Colony, for victualling Capt. *Seargeant's* Company, who went on the Island of *Jamestown* in the Time of the above Alarm: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Hazard Knowles*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Barton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Roxbury*, by Order of Col. *Mathewson*, and for going on two Expresses to *Newport* and *Little-Compton*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Barton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee upon the Account of Mr. *Paul Allen* be accepted; that the Balance thereof, being *Nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence Three Farthings*, due from the said *Paul Allen* to the Colony, be by him paid into the General-Treasury; and that *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; be requested to discharge all the Accounts that remain yet unpaid by said *Allen*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Abial Brown* proceed as soon as possible with his Minute-Company upon

*H. Knowles*  
allowed £ 1  
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upon *Jamestown*, there to remain till further Orders from his Honor the Governor: That his Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Commander in Chief at Head-Quarters on *Rhode-Island*, requesting him immediately to put as many Soldiers or Minute-Men on *Jamestown* as can be spared, compatible with the Service there, and that the Number of Men placed on said Island do not exceed Three Hundred.

*S. Kingstown* WHEREAS the Town of *South-Kingstown* have not  
to be furnish- been furnished with their Proportion of Powder, and  
ed with Pow- have at sundry Alarms sent a considerable Quantity to  
der and Lead. *Jamestown*: It is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Ma-  
*thewson* furnish the Town of *South Kingstown* with two  
Quarter Casks of Powder, to be delivered to Col. Ro-  
bert Brown, and that One Hundred Weight of Lead  
be also delivered to the said *Robert Brown*, for the Use  
of said Town.

A Field Piece IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *Daniel Tilling-*  
ordered to *hast* be requested immediately to send one Field Piece  
*Warwick*. properly equipped to *Warwick*, to be used in the De-  
fence of that Place.

*A. Green, R.* IT is Voted and Resolved, That there be allowed,  
*Spencer and* and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Abel Green,*  
*W. Potter,* *Randall Spencer,* and *William Potter*, the Sum of *Twelve*  
allowed 12 s. *Sbillings* Lawful Money each, it being for their At-  
each. tendance on the General Assembly by Order of the  
Governor and Council, to give Information of what they  
knew respecting a Riot in the Town of *West-Greenwich*,  
opposing the drafting of Minute-Men.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to enquire the Price of Cannon, laid before this Assembly a Memorial, addressed to them from the Owners of *Furnace Hope*, which is as follows, *to wit*:

*Providence, January 12, 1776.*

Memorial of GENTLEMEN,  
of the Owners IN Consequence of your Application to us for heavy  
of *Furnace Cannon*, we have taken Pains to enquire for suitable  
*Hope* Persons



Persons to assist in making them, and are now putting the Furnace in Readiness, by building the necessary additional Works to carry the same into Execution, and have also made Enquiry of the Price they can be made for at *Philadelphia*, and in Consequence thereof, we now offer to make what heavy Cannon we can at *Thirty-five Pounds Lawful Money per Ton*, warranted good; but in this Case we expect the Colony to be obliged to take whatever Cannon they now agree for, whether the War should continue or not. Under this Price we cannot undertake, as there are no Workmen in these Parts that can be procured, that ever made heavy Cannon; we must get them from the Westward at a very high Rate, and pay their Expences and Wages by the Day from the Time they come from Home, and until they return back. The Government are to be at the Expence of proving the Cannon, for which Purpose they must appoint a Person to see it done, but in case any fail of Proof, we to be at the Expence of proving such only as fail.

NICHOLAS BROWN,	} <i>The Committee appointed to enquire the Price of Cannon.</i>
JOSEPH BROWN,	
RUFUS HOPKINS,	
JABEZ BOWEN,	
JOHN BROWN,	

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Colony agree with the Subscribers of the foregoing Memorial to take of them Thirty Cannon, Eighteen Pounders, and Thirty Twelve Pounders, at the Price therein mentioned, provided they are ready for Use by the Tenth Day of *May* next; and that *Ambrose Page*, Esq; and Col. *John Mathewson*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the Bore, Dimensions and Weight of the Cannon.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the *Forty Thousand Pounds Lawful Money Bills* emitted by this Colony, carrying Interest, be brought into the General-Treasury within one Month after the Rising of this Assembly, to be exchanged for other Bills carrying no Interest, Lawful Money Bills carrying Interest to be redeemed.

rest; that no Interest be allowed on the first mentioned Bills, after the End of said Month; and that *Forty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money Bills be immediately struck off, carrying no Interest, which, together with the Bills of Credit lately received from the Continental-Treasury, be improved in exchanging the first mentioned Lawful Money Bills, and all other Debts due from the Colony carrying Interest.

*J. Lawrence* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Lawrence*  
to proceed to *Groton and New-London,*  
*New-London,* and purchase for the Use of the Colony, of Messieurs  
to purchase *Thomas Mumford and Nathaniel Shaw, jun.* all the  
Powder. Powder they have in *Providence and Bedford;* and that  
he be empowered to draw upon the General-Treasurer  
for the Amount thereof.

*J. Pierce* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Fifteen*  
allowed *£3 15s.* *Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to *Jonathan Pierce,* out  
of the General-Treasury, for five Gun Locks delivered  
to *Caleb Harris, Esq;* for the Use of the Colony.

Powder to be *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Head-Quarters*  
sent to Head- at *Rhode-Island* be immediately supplied with Five  
Quarters. Hundred Weight of Gunpowder from the Govern-  
ment's Magazine at *Providence.*

Sundry *IT is Voted and Resolved, That North-Kingstown* be  
Towns to be supplied with One Quarter-Cask of Powder, and about  
supplied with One Hundred Weight of Lead: That *East-Greenwich*  
Powder and be supplied with One Quarter-Cask of Powder: That  
Lead. the same be done immediately: And that *Exeter* be  
supplied with about One Hundred Weight of Lead.

*J. Arnold* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. James Arnold*  
to place two be directed and fully empowered to place the two Eigh-  
Eighteen teen Pound Cannon at *Pawtuxet* on Field Carriages, at  
Pounders on the Expence of the Colony.  
Field Car- riages.

Act ascertain- *WHEREAS* this General Assembly, at the Session held  
ing the De- on the First *Wednesday* in *May* last, ordered *Twenty*  
nomination *Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money to be emitted, and at  
of the Bills to the Session held on the Second *Monday* in *June* last or-  
be emitted. dered

dered *Ten Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money to be emitted, and at the Session held on the Twenty-eight Day of *June* last ordered *Ten Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money to be emitted, all which Bills carried an Interest of Two and an Half *per Cent. per Annum*: And whereas the Honorable the Continental Congress, and the several Provincial Assemblies and Conventions, considering the distressed Situation of the Colonies, engaged in a War with a powerful Nation, for the Defence of their Lives, Liberties, Properties, and every Thing dear to Mankind, and relying upon the manly Spirit and Zeal of the Colonists, have made divers Emissions of Bills of Credit, without allowing any Interest thereon: And whereas the Burthens and Hardships of this Colony are so great, that this Assembly have passed an Act for redeeming the aforesaid Emissions of this Colony by the Continental Bills of Credit now in the General-Treasury, and by an Emission of *Forty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money to be forthwith made: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Forty Thousand Pounds* be immediately struck off, in Bills of the same Form and Tenor with those ordered to be emitted at the last Session; that they be signed and lodged in the General-Treasury; that all Bills of *Five Shillings* and upwards be signed by three of the Committee, and all Bills under *Five Shillings* by two of the Committee; and that the Bills be of the following Denominations:

3000	of	60 s. each,	is	£ 9000
4000		40 s.		8000
6000		30 s.		9000
6000		20 s.		6000
6000		10 s.		3000
6000		5 s.		1500
6000		4 s.		1200
7500		3 s.		1125
5000		2 s.		500
6000		1 s.		300
6000		9 d.		225
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*AND be it further Enacted, That the said Lawful Money Bills be a lawful Tender for paying and discharging all Debts and Demands whatsoever; and that said Bills be redeemed within Five Years from the Date thereof.*

Committee to sign the Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs John G. Wanton, John Dexter, John Cole, Joseph Clarke, Welcome Arnold, Thomas Greene, and James Congdon the 3d, be and they are hereby appointed to sign all the Lawful Money Bills of Credit ordered by this Assembly to be emitted; that they be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury One Quarter per Cent. for their Trouble; that Mr. John Carter be employed to print said Bills at One Shilling and Fourpence per Hundred; and that the Committee appointed to sign said Bills procure Paper for the same, at the Charge of the Colony.*

Governor to write to the Delegates respecting Letters to the Prejudice of the Colony. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be requested to write to the Delegates of this Colony at the Continental Congress, and to request them to inform this House what Information they have had respecting any Letters that have been wrote by any of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to any Persons in the City of Philadelphia, respecting the Situation of the Town of Newport, and the supplying of Capt. Wallace with Provisions, and of any Reflections that have been by such Letters cast upon any Part of this Colony; and also to inform this Assembly of the Names of such Letter-Writers, and to procure and transmit to this Assembly Copies of such Letters, if they can be obtained.*

Deputy Governor and Speaker to purchase all the Cannon Shot in Newport and Bristol. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to purchase at the Charge of the Colony, all the Three and Four Pound Shot he can find in the Town of Newport; and that his Honor the Deputy-Governor be requested to purchase, at the Charge of the Colony, all the Three and Four Pound Shot he can find in the County of Bristol.*

Powder to be sent to Headquarters, in case any be *IT is Voted and Resolved, That in case the Colony shall purchase any Quantity of Powder of Messieurs Mamford*

*Mumford and Sharw*, that Five Hundred Weight thereof be lent to the Head-Quarters, for the Defence of *Rhode-Island*, over and above what is already ordered. purchased of Mumford and Sharw.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Minute-Men that have already been drawn continue for three Months from the Time of drawing, and that as many of them as are willing may enlist as Soldiers in either of the Companies. Minute-Men to continue three Months from the Time of drawing.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ambrose Page*, Esq; *Mr. John Brown*, and Colonel *Jabez Bowen*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of *Capt. William Rhodes* with the Colony and make Report to the next Sessions of Assembly. Committee to settle W. Rhodes's Accounts.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Waterman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *Thomas Greene*, Esq; for Paper by him furnished for impressing the Lawful Money Bills : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-five Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money* be paid the said *John Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury. J. Waterman allowed £ 25 4<sup>s</sup>.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Cromel Child* be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General Treasury the Sum of *Thirty Pounds Lawful Money*, towards paying for removing Hay, &c. off the Island of *Prudence* ; and that *Mr. Sylvester Gardner* draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds Lawful Money*, towards paying for removing Hay, &c. off the Island of *Conanicut*. C. Child allowed £ 30, and S. Gardner £ 45.

WHEREAS *Mr. George Gracie* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that soon after his first Arrival in *America* he has been employed by *Mr. George Rome* ; that he commenced serving him on the first of *June*, 1773, and continued in his Service until he was taken into Custody by Order of General *Hopkins*, G. Gracie's Petition granted.

*kins*, in the absolute Execution of said *Rome's* Business; that a considerable Sum of Money still remains due to him from said *Rome*; and thereupon prayed that this Assembly would order him Payment out of said *Rome's* Estate, which has been taken into Possession in Behalf of the Colony.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petitioner be directed to draw out his Account against the said *George Rome*, and send it to the Commanding Officer at Head-Quarters, who is requested to send the same to said *Rome*, in order to be adjusted.

*J. Farrisb's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Farrisb* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that on the Twenty-seventh of *November* last he was taken up by Order of Col. *Richmond*, upon a Suspicion of his having served the King's Ships stationed at *Newport* with Beer, and of being unfriendly to the *American* Cause, and after being had before the Committee was committed to Gaol, where he has remained ever since; that as to the Charges alledged against him, if he has erred in any Matter, it was rather from Want of Judgment than any evil Design, and that he can say with the strictest Truth, that he is a hearty Well-wisher to the *American* Colonies, and thereupon prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and release him from the irksome Confinement of a Prison, that he may seek some honest Employment for a Livelihood, in the Way of his Business, which he is ready to accept with Cheerfulness and perform with Integrity, if it is thought fit, in the Service of the Colony.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be granted; that the Petitioner have the Liberty of sending his Account to the Commanding Officer at Head-Quarters, who is requested to send the same to *George Rome*, in order to be adjusted; and that the Petitioner be torbid going upon any of the Islands in this Colony, on any Pretence whatsoever.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Thomas Church* *T. Church* to be directed and fully empowered to pay the Ensigns <sup>pay the Ensigns 10 s. per Month.</sup> in the Service of the Colony now at Head Quarters at Cambridge, and to those who are returned from said Service, *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money each *per Month*, from the First Day of *September* to the Thirty-first Day of *December* last, being four Months; and that he draw a sufficient Sum out of the General-Treasury for that Purpose.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That in case any Body* Command- or Detachment of the Continental Troops shall march ing Officer into this Colony, the Commanding Officer thereof be of the Conti- and he is hereby empowered to impress Horses, Cattle, nental Carts and Waggons, sufficient for the Transportation, Troops to of the Provisions, Baggage and Ammunition of such impress Waggons, Body or Detachment, to such Places within the Colony Horses, &c. as the Service shall require.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That each Town in this* Act for sup- Colony, by a Warrant from their Town-Clerk, call a plying Arms. Town-Meeting within three Weeks from the Rising of this General Assembly, and make Order that their respective Town-Councils give in a List of all Persons in their Towns, being Inhabitants thereof, and obliged by Law to equip themselves with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, and who are not able to purchase the same, and make Report thereof to a Town-Meeting to be held in one Week from said first Town-Meeting: And thereupon said Town shall immediately make Order for the supplying such Persons with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, at such Town's Expence, to be lodged with the Captains of such District wherein such poor Persons belong, for their Use upon any proper Occasion, by the Twentieth Day of *April* next.

*AND be it further Enacted, That upon Failure of any Town in this Colony of complying with the foregoing Order, such Town be liable to the Fine of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid into the General-Treasury, and*

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to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, before the Superior or Interior Courts for the County to which such delinquent Town belongs.

*AND be it further Enacted,* That all such Persons who are by Law obliged to equip themselves with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet and Cartouch Box, and who shall not by Report of such Town-Council be reported incapable of providing themselves as aforesaid, do provide themselves by the Twentieth Day of *April* next, agreeable to Law, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, before the Superior or Inferior Court in the County wherein such Delinquent resides, and the same Fine to be lodged in the Town-Treasury of such Town where such Delinquent resides, for the Purpose of purchasing Fire-Arms, and necessary Accoutrements therefor; and each Captain shall make Return of such Delinquents within his District, to his Colonel or Commander in Chief, by the First Day of *May* next, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered as aforesaid, and to be dismissed from his Office; which Fines shall be lodged in the Town-Treasury to which said Captain belongs, and to be recovered as the above Fines are ordered; and that the Colonels of the Regiments make Return thereof to the General Assembly to be holden on the First *Wednesday* in *May* next.

AND the Secretary is hereby required to send a printed Copy of this Act to each of the Town-Clerks in this Colony, within Two Weeks from the Rising of this Assembly.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to prepare an Address from the Colony to the Continental Congress, laid before this Assembly a Draft of said Address, which is as follows, *to wit* :

Address from the Colony to the Continental Congress. *To the Honorable the Delegates of the United Colonies, now convened in General Congress at Philadelphia.*  
 WE the General Assembly of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, beg Leave



to represent to you the State and Condition of said Colony, and to request such Assistance as our Situation and the Welfare of the United Colonies shall appear to require.

Soon after the Conclusion of the late glorious War, in the Successes of which the Colonies had so considerable a Share, we were alarmed with divers Acts of the *British* Parliament, strongly indicating a Design to divest the Colonies of those Rights which are essential to the Freedom of a People, and which they had enjoyed with but few Innovations from their first Settlement. The Act passed in 1765, for levying Stamp Duties in *America*, and many subsequent Acts, manifested that Design so clearly as to leave no Room for a Doubt. This Colony, ever tenacious of its Liberty, zealously took a Part in all the common Measures entered into for the common Safety. When at length the ministerial Troops, by the Attacks at *Lexington* and *Concord*, had reduced us to the Necessity of immediately taking up Arms, or submitting to a Slavery, which, at the Distance we are placed from the Seat of the Power to be exercised over us, must be the most absolute and terrible that we can form an Idea of; this Colony, notwithstanding its exposed Situation, did not hesitate, it did not wait for the Example of more powerful Colonies; but conforming itself to the Spirit of the Resolutions of the Honorable the Continental Congress for 1774, ordered a Body of Men to be raised, and marched to the Encampment near *Boston*.

UNFORTUNATELY for the Inhabitants, this Colony is scarcely any Thing but a Line of Sea-Coast: From *Providence* to *Point-Judith*, and from thence to *Pawcatuck River*, is near Eighty Miles: On the East Side of the Bay from *Providence* to *Seconet-Point*, and including the East Side of *Seconet* until it meets the *Massachusetts* Line, is about Fifty Miles. Besides which are the navigable Rivers of *Pawcatuck* and *Warren*: On the West Side of the Colony doth not extend Twenty Miles, and on the East Side not more than  
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Eight Miles, from the Sea-Coast above described. In the Colony are also included the following Islands: *Rhode-Island*, about Sixteen Miles in Length; *Conanicut*, Nine; *Block-Island*, Nine; *Prudence*, Seven, and the smaller Islands, *Patience*, *Hope*, *Gold-Island*, and several others; all which are cultivated and fertile, and contributed largely to the public Expences. The greater Part of the above mentioned Shores are accessible to Ships of War. By an exact Estimate taken in the Year 1774, the whole Number of Inhabitants in the Colony amounted to Fifty-nine Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-eight: The Town of *Newport* contained Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Nine, was the principal Place of Trade, and paid above one sixth Part of the public Taxes: A very considerable Commerce was also carried on from *Providence*, and several small Towns in the Colony were also concerned in Trade and Navigation: Ship-Building was a great Branch of Business. In short, the Inhabitants of this Colony derived their Subsistence almost wholly from Commerce. The convenient Situation of this Colony, for receiving Supplies from the other Colonies for the Continental Army near *Boston*, we suppose was a principal Reason why so great a Number of the King's Ships have been stationed in our Bay, we having had for above Seven Months past two Ships of Twenty Guns, one of Sixteen, a Bomb Ketch, and about eight Tenders, who have made Prizes of more Vessels belonging to this Colony than have been lost by any other, have put almost a total End to Commerce, have committed repeated Depredations in different Parts of the Colony, have kept our Coasts constantly alarmed, and obliged the Inhabitants to keep almost continually under Arms.—The once flourishing Town of *Newport*, by the Loss of Trade, and consequent Cessation of all Business, instead of being able to contribute to the Expences of the War, hath been reduced to so deplorable a State, that we have been obliged to grant Money out of the General-Treasury for the Support of their Poor, and many of the wealthy Inhabitants have not only left the Town, but the Colony. *Conanicut*  
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and *Prudence*, lately the Scenes of the most wanton and savage Desolation and Barbarity, deserted; *New-Shoreham*, from its Situation, is rendered worse than useless to the Colony, and the other Islands will no longer be of Service to any but the Enemy.

THE Troops sent by this Colony to the Army near *Boston* amounted to about Seventeen Hundred, inclusive of Officers, of which Two Hundred and Fifty are in Col. *Arnold's* Detachment in *Quebec*; many have entered on board the armed Vessels fitted out by General *Washington*, particularly almost every Officer and Seaman in the Brig commanded by Capt. *Martindale*, unfortunately taken and carried into *Boston*, belonged to this Colony; and of the others the greater Part by far have re-inlisted into the Continental Service, so that very few of them have returned, or can return. We fitted out two armed Vessels for the Protection of our Commerce and Coasts, which carried upwards of One Hundred Men; one of which is now at *Philadelphia*, in the Continental Service, with the greater Part of her Crew. Above an Hundred Men have also been enlisted for the Continental Navy. We have also built and equipped two Row-Gallies, to carry Fifty Men each. Besides these extraordinary Exertions, we were alarmed in *October* last with the Arrival of a Number of Transports from *Boston*, destined to procure fresh Provisions for the ministerial Army. To prevent their obtaining Supplies was an Object of such great Importance, as obliged us to send a Number of Minute-Men upon the several Islands to defend the Stock, which created a most enormous Expence. When the Assembly met in *November*, a Regiment of Five Hundred Men was ordered to be raised for the Defence of *Rhode-Island*, and the other Islands; notwithstanding which we have been obliged repeatedly to call forth our Minute-Men; to prevent the great Charge of which, we have augmented the Regiment ordered to be raised in *November* to Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, exclusive of a Company of Artillery, consisting of One Hundred and Five Men,

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with their Officers ; and have also voted another Regiment of Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, to be immediately raised and equipped, besides Two Hundred and Thirty-eight Artillery-Men, for the managing of Thirty-four Field Pieces, ordered to be procured and placed in the several Towns upon the Sea-Coast. We have ordered Sixty Cannon, Eighteen and Twelve Pounders, to be cast ; and have already sent a Vessel, with a very valuable Cargo, to purchase Powder and other warlike Stores ; and are fitting out another, which will soon sail.

From the above Representation of our Situation, Exertions and Losses, and the Depredations of the Enemy, which are not exaggerated, the exhausted State of the Colony, and its utter Inability to maintain the present Force established and voted, as well as to take any further Measures to defend itself, will clearly appear. We need not observe to you the great Importance of *Rhode-Island*, or the Damages that would be sustained by the Enemy's possessing themselves thereof, its Harbour and the adjoining *Narraganset Bay* being greatly superior to any other in *America*, and its convenient Situation with Respect to the Sea and the other Colonies making it still more important : We therefore request that you will give the earliest Attention to this Address, and have no Doubt that you will take the most proper Measures for defending the Colony ; otherwise *Rhode-Island*, and the other Islands in the Bay, with the surrounding Sea-Coast upon the Continent, must be depopulated, and the Colony entirely ruined.

We submit the foregoing to your judicious Determination, and are, with great Respect and Confidence,  
Your Honors

Most obedient and most humble Servants.  
Signed at the Request and in Behalf of the General Assembly.

*Providence, January 15, 1776.*

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AND the said Address being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is approved ; that the Secretary make a fair Copy thereof, which his Honor the Governor is requested to sign, and forward by the first good Opportunity to the Delegates of this Colony, to be presented by them to the Continental Congress.

WHEREAS ON *Saturday* the Twenty-third of *December* last, divers People were guilty of a high-handed Riot in *West-Greenwich*, greatly insulted the Colonel, broke the Sword of the Adjutant, and prevented the Militia of the first Company from draughting or inlisting one Fourth Part thereof, agreeable to an Order of the Committee appointed to act during the Recess of the General Assembly ; and on *Tuesday* the Twenty-sixth of the same Month were guilty of another Riot, and prevented the said Draught and Inlistment : And whereas *Alexander Hopkins, Tibbits Hopkins, Henry Hopkins, William Sweet, Simon Whitford, and Jonathan Mathewson*, have been accused to this House of being the principal Persons who were active in said Riot ; of whom *Tibbits Hopkins, Henry Hopkins, and Simon Whitford*, are now in Gaol at *Providence* ; there being a Warrant issued against the said *Alexander Hopkins*, who hath hitherto secreted himself ; a Warrant having been also issued against the said *William Sweet*, who by Reason of Sickness still remains in his own House ; and no Warrant hath been yet granted for apprehending the said *Jonathan Mathewson* : *It is therefore Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be requested to issue his Warrant for apprehending the said *Jonathan Mathewson* ; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* use his utmost Diligence to apprehend the said *Alexander Hopkins, and Jonathan Mathewson*, and commit them to Gaol in the County of *Kent*, and the said *William Sweet*, when capable of being removed : And that the said *Alexander Hopkins, Henry Hopkins, Tibbits Hopkins, William Sweet, and Jonathan Mathewson*, upon their entering into Recognizance in the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* each, with Surety for *Twenty five Pounds* for each,

*West-Greenwich Riots to be apprehended.*

each, before any Justice of the Superior Court, to appear before the Superior Court at their next Term in the County of *Kent*, and to abide by the Judgment that shall be then and there given, they shall be dismissed from Gaol ; otherwise that they remain confined until the Meeting of said Court ; and that the Attorney-General be required to prosecute them at said Court according to Law.

Persons chosen to any military Office, and receiving Pay as such, to vacate their Seats in the General Assembly. *IT is Voted and Resolved for the future*, That any Person being a Member of the General Assembly of this Colony, and who shall be appointed to any military Command, and be under Pay as such, and shall accept such Office and receive his Commission, his Seat shall thereupon be immediately vacant ; and if a Member of the Lower House, a Warrant shall thereupon be issued by the Speaker to the Town which elected such Member, ordering such Town to elect a Deputy in his Place ; and if a Member of the Upper House, the General Assembly shall proceed to elect a Member in his Place.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That in any future Choice of Magistrates or Members of the Lower House, no Person, being a military Officer, under Pay as such, shall be elected to serve in either House of the General Assembly. *Provided nevertheless*, That this Act shall not extend to Militia Officers, or Officers of Minute-Companies, and who may only receive Pay upon particular and special Occasions.

*A. Vandoorn* allowed £ 1 18 s. 7 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Vandoorn* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers going to *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Anthony Vandoorn*, out of the General-Treasury.

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WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Ball* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for *M. Ball* allowed £ 1  
 billeting a Number of Soldiers who went to *Newport* : <sup>10 s.</sup>  
 And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ;  
 and that *One Pound Ten Shillings* Lawful Money,  
 being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Mary Ball*,  
 out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Smith* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, *S. Smith* allowed £ 25  
 for billeting a Number of Soldiers who went upon <sup>15 s. 4 ½</sup>  
*Rhode-Island*, to accompany General *Lee*, and for keep-  
 ing their Horses, &c. And the said Account being  
 duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the  
 same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount  
 thereof, being *Twenty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and*  
*Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said  
*Stephen Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Lawton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the *J. Lawton* allowed £ 30  
 Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; for sundries provided <sup>1 d. ½</sup>  
 for General *Lee* and the Guards who went with him  
 to *Rhode-Island*, during their Stay at *Newport*, keep-  
 ing their Horses, &c. And the said Account being  
 duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same  
 be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Thirty Pounds and*  
*One Penny Three Farthings* Lawful Money, being the  
 Amount thereof, be paid to the said *John Lawton*,  
 out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Reynolds* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Co- *J. Reynolds* allowed £ 4  
 lony, for sundry Articles of Provisions and Liquors, <sup>16 s. 7 d.</sup>  
 by him provided for a Number of Soldiers who went  
 to *Bristol*, in the Time of the Alarm : And the said Ac-  
 count being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
 That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the  
 Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and*  
*Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Joseph*  
*Reynolds*, out of the General-Treasury.

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*S. Smith* allowed  $\text{£ } 15$  7 s. 7 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Smith* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use of his Horse, in going on sundry Expresses, and for billeting a Number of Minute-Men who went on the Alarm to *Bristol*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Stephen Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Pearce* allowed  $\text{£ } 7$  17 s. 4 d. WHEREAS Mr. *William Pearce* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers who went upon *Rhode-Island* with General *Lee*, and for their Ferriages, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *William Pearce*, out of the General-Treasury.



### An A C T for encouraging the Manufactures of Salt-Petre and Gun-Powder.

Act for encouraging the Manufactures of Salt-Petre and Gun-Powder. **B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That there shall be given and paid out of the Colony-Treasury a Premium or Bounty of *Ten Pounds* for every Hundred Pounds Weight of good and merchantable Salt Petre or Nitre, that hath been made or manufactured in this Colony since the First Day of *September* last past, or that shall be made or manufactured therein before the First Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity. *Provided always*, That in case any Proprietor of Salt-Petre Works, or Manufacturer of Salt-Petre,



tre, shall, upon Application and Request made to him by any Person or Persons, neglect or refuse to communicate a full Account of the Materials out of which, and the Process by which, such Salt-Petre or Nitre is made, such Proprietor or Manufacturer shall not be entitled to have or receive the aforesaid Bounty or Premium for any Salt-Petre or Nitre he shall make, any thing herein contained notwithstanding.

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That a suitable Number of Inspectors of Salt-Petre or Nitre be appointed by this General Assembly; and that the Claimants of the Premium or Bounty given by this or any former Act for the Manufacture of Salt-Petre or Nitre, shall procure the Salt-Petre or Nitre by them made to be examined by one or more of said Inspectors, and shall also make Oath before such Inspector that such Salt-Petre or Nitre was made and manufactured in this Colony, out of Materials collected therein by him or them, or for his or their Account, and that no other Certificate hath been had or given for the same; which Oath such Inspector is hereby enabled to administer: And that thereupon said Inspector shall give to the Claimant or Claimants a Certificate of the Quantity and Quality of such Salt-Petre or Nitre, and that Proof hath been made as aforesaid that the same was manufactured in this Colony, by such Claimant or Claimants, and draw an Order on the Colony-Treasury, to pay such Claimant or Claimants the Amount of the aforesaid Bounty or Premium on such Nitre or Salt-Petre out of the Colony-Treasury, and charge the same to the Colony's Account, who shall accept and pay such Order accordingly.

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That every Town in this Colony in which Salt-Petre or Nitre Works are not or shall not be erected, and the Manufacture of Salt-Petre is not or shall not be carried on by some private Person or Persons, shall be and hereby are enjoined as soon as may be to erect  
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one Set of such Works, and carry on the Manufacture of Nitre or Salt-Petre in the same; and that it shall be the Duty of the Town-Council of each Town in this Colony, and they are hereby authorized and enjoined, at the Expence and for the Benefit of said Town, to cause such Works to be erected, and said Manufacture to be carried on in the same accordingly.

*BE it also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Salt-Petre, Nitre or Gun-Powder, made and manufactured, or that shall be made or manufactured in this Colony, shall be exported out of the same by Land or Water, without the Licence of the General Assembly, or his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety, under the Penalty of *Twenty Pounds* for every Hundred Weight of such Salt-Petre, Nitre or Gun-Powder, and proportionably for a greater or less Quantity so without Licence exported, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record in this Colony by Law proper to take Cognizance thereof.

AND whereas it is necessary that one Powder-Mill be immediately erected in this Colony, for manufacturing Gun Powder, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That a Bounty or Premium of *Thirty Pounds* shall be paid out of the Colony-Treasury to the Person or Persons who shall erect a Powder-Mill in this Colony, and shall make and manufacture therein Five Hundred Pounds Weight of good and merchantable Gun-Powder.

AND whereas it is expedient that such Powder-Mill should be so situated as to accommodate the public in the best Manner, *Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Powder-Mill shall be erected in this Colony, for the Manufacture of Gun-Powder, without the Licence of the General Assembly, or in their Recess of the General Committee appointed to act during the Recess of the General Assembly, first had and obtained, under the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds*

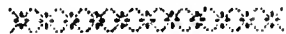
*Pounds* for every such Offence, to be recovered in Manner as the aforesaid Penalty in this Act is above directed.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Inspector or Inspectors who shall inspect and give a Certificate for any Quantity of Salt-Petre as before directed, shall purchase and receive such Salt-Petre, for the Colony's Use and Benefit, and give his or their Receipt therefor to the Claimant or Claimants, who shall be paid therefor out of the Colony-Treasury, at the Rate of *Four Shillings and Fourpence* for every Pound Weight of Salt-Petre or Nitre so made as aforesaid, exclusive of the said Bounty so to be given as aforesaid.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the following Persons be and they are hereby appointed Inspectors of Nitre or Salt-Petre in this Colony, *to wit: His Honor the Governor, Metcalf Bowler, Joshua Babcock, Jabez Bowen, Hezekiah Usher, Nicholas Paris Tillinghast, Stephen Wigneron, Andrew Balfour, and Benjamin Slack.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Act passed by this Assembly at the Session held on the *Third Monday in August* last, for encouraging the Manufacture of Salt-Petre, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That a Copy of this Act be published in the next *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.



*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Thanks of this General Assembly be given to the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Rehoboth* and *Swanzey*, in the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, for their spirited Zeal and Activity, exerted in Defence of this Colony, upon

Thanks given to the Towns of *Rehoboth* and *Swanzey*.

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every Alarm that hath happened in those Parts of this Colony bordering upon them: And that his Honor the Governor be requested to transmit the same to the Select-Men of the said Towns, to be communicated to the Inhabitants.

Surgeons,  
*&c.* appointed for the  
 Regiment  
 ordered at last  
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*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That there be appointed, for the Regiment ordered at the last Session to be raised, a Surgeon, at the Wages of *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings per Month*, and a Surgeon's Mate, at the Wages of *Four Pounds per Month*: And that every able-bodied effective Man, who hath enlisted into and still remains in the said Regiment, or shall enlist therein, finding himself a Musquet, Bayonet and other Accoutrements, shall receive *Sixteen Shillings*, and receive two Months Wages advance.

Stock, Corn,  
 Hay, *&c.* to  
 be removed  
 from *Prudence*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all the Stock, Corn, Provisions and Hay, upon the Island of *Prudence*, be removed with all possible Dispatch; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to give Orders to Colonel *Christopher Lippitt*, to assist with the Troops under his Command in removing the same.

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An A C T for raising an additional Regiment, for the Defence of the United Colonies in general, and this Colony in particular, and for embodying the same, and the Regiment ordered to be raised at the last Session of Assembly, into one Brigade.

An Act for  
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 the Regiment  
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**W**HEREAS the present alarming Situation of this Colony, from the powerful Invasions of the Enemy, and the Danger of still more formidable Attacks, render it necessary that a considerable Addition be made to the Forces of this Colony:

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*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That a Regiment, consisting of Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, including Officers, be immediately raised for the Defence of the United Colonies in general, and this Colony in particular, to be commanded by one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major: That there be appointed therefor one Adjutant, and one Quarter-Master: That the said Regiment consist of Twelve Companies, which shall be commanded by one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign, excepting the Companies of the three Field Officers, which shall have one Captain-Lieutenant, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign.*

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two Regi-  
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one Brigade.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each able-bodied effective Man, who shall enlist into the said Regiment, and find himself a Small-Arm, Bayonet and other Accoutrements, shall be allowed Sixteen Shillings therefor, and shall receive two Months Pay advance at the Time of enlisting.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Officer and Soldier shall receive the following monthly Wages, while in the Service, to wit: The Colonel Fifteen Pounds, the Lieutenant-Colonel Twelve Pounds, the Major Ten Pounds, each Captain and Captain-Lieutenant Six Pounds, each Lieutenant Four Pounds, each Ensign Three Pounds Ten Shillings, the Adjutant Five Pounds Ten Shillings, the Quarter-Master Three Pounds, each Serjeant Two Pounds Eight Shillings, each Corporal, Drummer and Fifer, Two Pounds Four Shillings, and each Private Two Pounds.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Field and commissioned Officer shall receive Ten Shillings per Week, and each non-commissioned Officer and Private Six Shillings per Week, for Billeting, from the Time of his Enlistment, until they shall be embodied, and shall also receive two Months Pay before they join the Body, and the weekly*

ly Billet due to him, as soon as may be : That each Soldier shall also have a Blanket and Napsack given him by the Colony, and that each Soldier finding himself a Blanket, shall receive therefor *Twelve Shillings*. And the Field and commissioned Officers, after the Regiment shall be embodied, be allowed the same Rations, in Lieu of Billet, as are allowed to the Officers of the Continental Army.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Officer or Soldier shall be arrested, prosecuted, or detained in Gaol, for any Debt whatsoever less than Fifteen Pounds Lawful Money, due to one Creditor : And that every Apprentice, who shall enlist into the said Regiment, shall be entitled to Three Quarters of his Wages, he finding his own Cloaths, and his Master shall be entitled to the other Quarter, provided he shall deliver to such enlisted Apprentice all his wearing Apparel, otherwise the Apprentice shall receive the whole Wages.*

*A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Soldier shall be enlisted by signing the following Enlistment, to wit : “ I the Subscriber here-  
“ by solemnly engage and enlist myself as a Soldier in  
“ the Pay of the Colony of Rhode-Island, for the Pre-  
“ servation of the Liberties of America, and the De-  
“ fence of the United Colonies in general, and this  
“ Colony in particular, from the Day of my Enlist-  
“ ment for One Year, unless the Service shall admit of  
“ a Discharge sooner, which shall be at the Discretion  
“ of the General Assembly. And I hereby promise  
“ to submit myself to all the Orders and Regulations  
“ of the Army, and faithfully to observe and obey  
“ such Orders as I shall receive from Time to Time  
“ from my superior Officers.”*

AND whereas this Assembly, at the Session held on the last *Wednesday* in *October* last, ordered a Regiment of Five Hundred Men to be raised, for the Defence of the United Colonies in general, and of this Colony  
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in particular ; and at the present Session ordered the said Regiment to be augmented to Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, inclusive of Officers, and exclusive of the Artillery Company to the same belonging, consisting of One Hundred and Five Men, Officers included : *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That for the better governing, directing and exerting the Force of the said Regiment, and the Regiment by this Act ordered to be raised, that the same be and hereby are formed into one Brigade, under one Commander in Chief, who shall have the Title of Brigadier-General ; that a Major of Brigade be appointed therefor ; and that the Brigadier-General shall receive *Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money *per Month* ; and the Major of Brigade *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money *per Month*, and shall also receive the same Allowances for Billeting, as are made to Officers of their Rank in the Continental Service.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That there be a Surgeon and three Surgeons Mates appointed for said Brigade ; that the Surgeon shall receive *Nine Pounds per Month*, and the Surgeon's Mates each *Four Pounds per Month*, and that the Surgeon and the Mates shall receive the same Rations in Lieu of Billet as such Officers receive in the Continental Army.

And for the better supplying the said Brigade with Cloathing, and other Necessaries, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That a Commissary be appointed, who shall also be Sutler to the said Brigade, and shall receive *One per Cent.* upon all the Business he shall transact ; that he be and hereby is directed and required to deliver out such Things as shall be provided by the Colony for the Use of the Troops at prime Cost, including the Charges that shall accrue thereon ; and that he deliver nothing to any Soldier without an Order from the Captain or Commanding Officer for the Time being of the Company to which such Soldier shall belong ; and that the Commissary or

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Sutler do not pay any Soldier more than One Third of his Wages ; and such Officer is hereby restricted from drawing in Favour of any Soldier for more than One Third of the Amount of the Wages due to him.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That whosoever shall be appointed Commissary and Sutler shall give Security to the General-Treasurer, in the penal Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Performance of his Duty ; that he be and hereby is forbidden to carry with him, or offer to the Soldiers upon his own Account, any Necessaries of the same Kind with those that shall be sent by or on Account of the Government ; and that he be empowered to appoint one or more Deputies under him, being accountable for his or their Conduct.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Committee of Safety for this Colony provide Arms, Tents, and all other Necessaries, for the said Brigade, Provisions excepted ; that they pay the Wages of the Officers and Soldiers thereof once in Three Months, as they shall become due ; and that they be allowed *One per Cent.* for transacting the Business, any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit :*

*For the Regiment ordered at this Session to be raised.*

*Henry Babcock, Esq; Colonel.*

*Christopher Lippitt, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.*

*Adam Comstock, Esq; Major.*

*John Angell* Captain of the First Company, who declining to serve, *Job Olney* was chosen in his Stead.

*Jonathan Brownell* Captain of the Second Company.

*James Tew, jun.* Captain of the Third Company.

*Afa Kimball* Captain of the Fourth Company.

*Andrew Waterman* Captain of the Fifth Company.

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*Loring Peck* Captain of the Sixth Company.  
*David Dexter*, jun. Captain of the Seventh Company.  
*William Potter* (Son of *John*) Captain of the Eighth Company.  
*Benjamin Peirce* Captain of the Ninth Company.  
*Augustus Stanton* Captain-Lieutenant of the Colonel's Company.  
*John Carr* Captain-Lieutenant of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company.  
*Thomas Gorton* Captain-Lieutenant of the Major's Company.  
*William Drowne* Lieutenant of the First Company.  
*William Jones* Lieutenant of the Second Company.  
*Joseph Belcher*, jun. Lieutenant of the Third Company.  
*Benjamin Hoppen* Lieutenant of the Fourth Company.  
*Nehemiah Randall* Lieutenant of the Fifth Company.  
*Arthur Fenner* (Son of *Edward*) Lieutenant of the Sixth Company.  
*Peleg Slocum* Lieutenant of the Seventh Company.  
*Christopher Dyre* Lieutenant of the Eighth Company.  
*Simeon Martin* Lieutenant of the Ninth Company.  
*Joshua Bliven* Lieutenant of the Colonel's Company.  
*Alexander Thomas* Lieutenant of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company.  
*Thomas Arnold* Lieutenant of the Major's Company.  
*Jacob Williams* Ensign of the First Company.  
*Gilbert Richmond* Ensign of the Second Company.  
*Bryant Milliman* Ensign of the Third Company.  
*Anan Winsor* Ensign of the Fourth Company.  
*Wilson Rawson* Ensign of the Fifth Company.  
*Stephen Paine* Ensign of the Sixth Company.  
*David Sayles* Ensign of the Seventh Company.  
*William Potter* (Son of *Ichabod*) Ensign of the Eighth Company.  
*William Belcher* Ensign of the Ninth Company.  
*Thomas Noyes* Ensign of the Colonel's Company.  
*Stephen Borden* Ensign of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company.

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*Michael Spencer* Ensign of the Major's Company.

*William Tyler* Adjutant.

*Benjamin Bourne* Quarter-Master.

*For the Regiment ordered at last Session.*

*James Wallace* Captain-Lieutenant of the Lieutenant Colonel's Company, in the Room of *Peter Wanton*, who resigned.

*Josiah Gibbs, jun.* Captain of the Ninth Company.

*Cornelius Briggs* Captain of the Tenth Company.

*Benjamin Diamond* Captain of the Eleventh Company.

*Samuel Phillips, jun.* Captain of the Twelfth Company.

*John Rogers* Lieutenant of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company.

*John Holden* (Son of *Charles*) Lieutenant of the Ninth Company.

*Lemuel Bailey* Lieutenant of the Tenth Company.

*James Smith* Lieutenant of the Eleventh Company.

*Paul Herrington* Lieutenant of the Twelfth Company.

*William Davis, jun.* Ensign of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company.

*Philip Arnold* (Son of *James*) Ensign of the Ninth Company.

*Benjamin Church* Ensign of the Tenth Company.

*Isaac Eastlick* Ensign of the Eleventh Company.

*Benjamin West* Ensign of the Twelfth Company.

*John Handy* Quarter-Master.

*Artillery Company.*

*Edward Spalding* Captain.

*William Bull* Captain-Lieutenant.

*Josiah Sayer, jun.* First Lieutenant.

*Ebenezer Sherman* Second Lieutenant.

*Timothy Brown* Lieutenant Fire-Worker.

*For the Brigade.*

*Christopher Olney* Major of Brigade.

*John Bartlett* Surgeon.

*Joseph*

*Joseph Rhodes* Surgeon's Mate.  
*Ebenezer Richmond* Surgeon's Mate.  
*John Chace* Surgeon's Mate.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Page*, *B. Page* and Captain of one of the Row-Gallies, be immediately others cited sent for to appear before this Assembly, to answer for to appear before the Assembly. his Conduct; and that *David Arnold*, *Matthew Allen*, and *Samuel Bosworth*, be also cited to appear before this Assembly.

WHEREAS *William Langley* was served with a Copy *W. Langley* of a Writ, in an Action brought to the Inferior Court empowered held at *Newport*, in *November* last, by *Jabez Champlin*, to make Oath against *Ephraim Weeden*, for attaching said *Weeden's* to the Copy of a Writ. Estate in the Hands of said *Langley*, who made Oath on said Copy of the Writ, and returned the same into the Office, which was laid up safely; but, in removing the Records and Files by Order of Assembly, the said Copy was mislaid, and cannot be found: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Langley* have Liberty to make Oath again.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *David Wilkinon* be *D. Wilkinon* appointed to attend the Press, and oversee the striking to attend the Press. off the Money ordered by this Assembly; and that he be allowed *Three Shillings per Day*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Money lately received from the Continental-Treasury be improved in Continental Money to discharge any paying off and discharging all Debts due from the Colony, of any Kind or Nature whatsoever, any Law to Debts due from the Colony the contrary notwithstanding.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the Session held on the Regulations Second *Monday* in *June* last, passed an Act, establishing of the Continental Rules and Regulations for the Forces raised by this Army to be extended to the Brigade raised by this Colony; and whereas the Continental Congress soon after established Rules and Articles of War for the Continental Army, and have lately made divers Additions and Alterations thereto, necessary for the well ny.

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governing of an Army, which are better calculated for that Purpose than those made by this Colony as aforesaid : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Brigade formed at this Session, and all the Troops that shall be raised in the Colony, shall be governed by the Rules, Regulations and Orders established by the Continental Congress, for the governing of the Continental Army ; and that the Officers in said Brigade take Rank according to the Rules and Customs of the Continental Army : That the Secretary procure to be printed, and deliver to each of the Field and commissioned Officers, a Copy of said Continental Rules : And that the said Act passed in *June*, and also the Act passed at last Session, putting the Regiment ordered then to be raised under the Regulations of said Act, be and they are hereby repealed.

Town of  
*Newport* permitted to supply the King's Ships under certain Rules and Regulations.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Council of the Town of *Newport* be allowed to supply Captain *Wallace*, so long as he shall remain peaceably within the Colony, without committing any Depredations upon the Islands, or upon any of the Lands in the Colony, weekly with Two Thousand Pounds Weight of Beef, and with Beer as usual, under the Direction of the commanding Officer of the Forces stationed on *Rhode-Island* ; that he appoint the Person to provide and deliver said Provisions ; and that no Member of either House of Assembly be appointed to deliver the same, or to go on board of either of the Ships of War under said *Wallace's* Command, on any Occasion whatsoever.

AND this Assembly considering the Situation and defenceless State of the Town of *Newport*, do advise and strongly recommend it to the Inhabitants of said Town forthwith to remove to some Place of Safety all their aged People, Women, Children, and those who are unable to assist in Defence of the Place, together with their valuable Effects : *And do further Vote and Resolve*, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Lawful Money be paid out of the General-Treasury

Treasury to the Committee herein after appointed, which shall be improved in removing such poor Persons in said Town as are incapable of removing themselves, and for no other Use whatever : That Messieurs *John Collins, John Cooke, Thomas Freebody, George Irish,* and *Daniel Holloway*, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for that Purpose : That the said Committee be empowered to settle the Price of the Transportation of the Effects of the Inhabitants of the said Town to the Places where they shall be shipped, and also the Price of Transportation over the Ferries : And that each of the said Committee be empowered to impress Teams, Horses and Cattle, to remove such Effects, at the Prices which shall be so affixed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Ellery, Esq;* *W. Ellery* added to the Committee already appointed for the County of *Newport*, to collect a well authenticated Account of Hostilities committed by the Ministerial Troops and Navy within this Colony since last *March*. *W. Ellery* added to the Committee appointed to collect an Account of Hostilities, &c.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Fry* exhibited into this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Officers and Soldiers who went to *Newport* with General *Lee*, during their Stay at *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Fry*, out of the General-Treasury. *J. Fry* allowed £ 14 8s. 9d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Guns, when purchased for the Poor of the First Company in the Town of *East-Greenwich*, be deposited in the Hands of Col. *Richard Fry*, instead of the Captain ; and that the Guns, when purchased for the Poor of Town of *North-Kingstown*, be deposited where the Town shall think proper, instead of being lodged in the Hands of the Captains in said Town. Guns purchased for the Poor of *East-Greenwich*, to be deposited in the Hands of *R. Fry*.

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*N. Miller* appointed Commissary and *J. Cooke* a Committee-man of Safety. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Nathan Miller* be appointed Commissary of the Brigade established at this Session; and that *Col. John Cooke* be appointed one of the Committee of Safety for the County of *Newport*, in Addition to *Metcalf Bowler, Esq;*

Troops to be stationed at *Warwick Neck*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Number of Men, not exceeding Fifty, be stationed at *Warwick Neck*, including the Artillery Company in *Warwick*, the Remainder to be Minute-Men; that *Col. John Waterman* have the Command, and appoint proper Officers to act under him; that they continue there and be kept upon Pay until the Enemy's Fleet shall go down the River, and then be discharged, if his Honor the Governor shall think proper; and that his Honor the Deputy-Governor, General *West*, and *Mr. Joseph Brown*, or either of them, be appointed to lay out such Fortifications upon the said Neck as they shall think necessary, and that the Troops be employed in erecting them while continued there.

Barracks to be erected at Head-Quarters and *Howland's Ferry*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby directed and empowered to erect two Barracks at Head-Quarters upon *Rhode-Island*, and one Barrack at *Howland's Ferry*, under the Inspection of the Commanding Officer.

*E. Pendleton* appointed Ensign of the First Company in *Westerly*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ephraim Pendleton* be, and he is hereby appointed Ensign of the First Company in *Westerly*, in the Room of *John Pendleton*, who was appointed by Mistake.

Company on *Prudence* to proceed to *Bristol*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That one of the Colony's Companies now on *Prudence*, as soon as the Stock, Hay, &c. shall be removed from the Island, be ordered to proceed to *Bristol*, for the Defence of that Town, to be there subject to the Controul of his Honor the Deputy-Governor, till further Orders.

*J. Hoxse* allowed £ 13 17 s. 9 d. WHEREAS *Mr. Joseph Hoxse* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony.

Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in receiving, driving and selling the Sheep that came from *New-Sorebam*, Cash paid for keeping said Sheep, and sundry other Expences: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ninepence* thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid the said *Joseph Hoxse*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty Thousand Bushels of Salt be imported into this Colony, as soon as conveniently may be, *to wit*: Seven Thousand Bushels for the County of *Newport*, Ten Thousand Bushels for the County of *Providence*, Six Thousand Bushels for the County of *King's County*, Four Thousand Bushels for the County of *Kent*, and Three Thousand Bushels for the County of *Bristol*: That the following Persons be the Committees to charter Vessels, fit them out and send for said Salt, *viz.* for the County of *Providence*, Messieurs *John Smith* and *John Mitbewson*, for the County of *Newport*, Messieurs *Metcalf Bowler*, *George Irish*, and *Thomas Corey*; for the County of *King's County*, Messieurs *John Northup*, *Benjamin Gardner*, and *Joseph Stanton*, jun for the County of *Kent*, Messieurs *William Greene* and *Jacob Greene*; and for the County of *Bristol*, *William Bradford* and *Sylvester Child*, Esquires: That said Committees charter suitable Vessels for importing said Salt, and send Money and Provisions to purchase the same, and that they draw a sufficient Sum out of the General-Treasury for that Purpose.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Thomas Greene*, *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of the Committee of Safety to this Time, and also the Account of Mr. *John Jenckes*, and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Ward*, *Henry Marchant*, and *John Cole*, Esquires, or the major Part

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Committee to draw an Act for erecting a Court for the Trial of Prizes. of them, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draw an Act for constituting a Court, and appointing a Mode of Trial, for the Acquittal or Condemnation of such Vessels as shall be captured by any Vessels commissioned by the Continental Congress, or from any one of the United Colonies; and that they present the same to this Assembly at the next Session.

*R. Matthews* allowed *£ 4 10 s. 7 d.* WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Matthews* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers who went to *Block-Island* to take off the Stock, &c. And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Ten Shillings and Sevenpence* thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid to the said *Richard Matthews*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Eldred* allowed *£ 7 2 s. 8 d.* WHEREAS Mr. *John Eldred* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers stationed on *Conanicut*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Two Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Eldred*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. H. Peckham* allowed *£ 3 7 s. 6 d.* WHEREAS Mr. *George Hazard Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use of his Boat in carrying Soldiers to and taking Stock off *Block-Island*, and for one Oar lost in said Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *George Hazard Peckham*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Matthews* allowed *£ 4 3 s. 11 d.* WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Matthews* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making a Number of Cartridges, and Lead by him furnished for making Balls for the Cartridges, &c.



£c. And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Three Shillings and Elevenpence* thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid to the said *Richard Matthews*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Attendance upon the General Committee appointed to act in the Recess of the Assembly, for sweeping the Court-House, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *James Albro* be chosen Captain, *Eldred Spink* Lieutenant, and *James Eldred* (Son of *Seth*) Ensign of the Company of Minute-Men in *North-Kings-town*.

Officers for  
the Minute  
Company of  
*North-Kings-  
town*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance in settling a Number of Accounts, and for his Expences, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and it is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Mumford*  
allowed £ 3  
10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Greene* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance in settling a Number of Accounts, and for the Use of his House, Fire and Candles, while performing said Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Greene* al-  
lowed £ 2  
14 s.

WHEREAS

*J. Lawrence*      WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Lawrence* laid before this Assembly an Account; by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *New London* to purchase Powder: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Joseph Lawrence*, out of the General-Treasury.

General Committee to act in the Recess of the Assembly.      *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy-Governor, and Messieurs *Ambrose Page, James Arnold, jun. Jonathan Randall, John Sayles, jun. Henry Ward, Metcalf Bowler, Joseph Anthony, Joshua Babcock, John Jenckes, John Smith, John Mathewson, John Dexter, Stephen Whipple, William Greene, Paul Mumford, John Potter, John G. Wanton, Sylvester Gardner, and Thomas Freebody*, or any Seven of them, together with such other Members of the General Assembly as shall be present at any Meeting, be a General Committee to act during the Recess of the General Assembly, with full Power and Authority, in case of any sudden Emergency or Danger, to exert the whole Force and Strength of the Colony, for the Defence and Safety of this and the neighbouring Colonies; and also to draw Money out of the General-Treasury for those Purposes.

Committee for signing Money to lay their Accounts before the General Committee.      *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Gentlemen who signed the last Emission of Bills ordered by this Assembly, lay their Accounts before the General Committee appointed to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, who are empowered to audit the same, and to give Orders on the General-Treasurer for what shall be due to them.

Minute-Men to be discharged.      *It is Voted and Resolved*, That it be in the Power of the Commanding Officer on *Rhode-Island* to discharge Capt. *John Earle's* Company of Minute Men within two Days after the Rising of this Assembly.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Warren*, to notify Capt. *Page*, and others, by Order of his Honor the Governor : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, and Messieurs *John Smith* and *Daniel Tillinghast*, be a Committee to confer with Major *Wales*, who hath the Care of the *Indian* Chiefs now in the Town of *Providence*, respecting what will be suitable to make them a Present of, and that the said Committee be empowered to make such Present, at the Expence of the Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be referred to next Session of Assembly : And that the Secretary proclaim the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerk of each Town in the County : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the last *Monday* of *February* next, then to meet at *East Greenwich*.

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HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined,  
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on the last *Monday* in *February*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, and Sixteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *G E O R G E* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable.

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*  
G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable  
*WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq;*  
DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Wanton (Son of Gideon)**Mr. Paul Mumford,**Mr. John Tanner,**Mr. Joseph Anthony,**Mr. Thomas Freebody,**Col. Joseph Belcher.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Col. Jonathan Arnold,**Mr. John Jenckes,**Mr. John Smith,**Col. John Mathewson.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

*Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;**Mr. Job Durfee,**John Shearman, Esq;*

## WARWICK:

*William Greene, Esq;**Mr. Jacob Greene,**Col. John Waterman,**Charles Holden, jun. Esq;*

## WESTERLY:

*Major-General Joshua Babcock.**Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

*Capt. John Sands,**Mr. Walter Rathbun,*

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;**Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Potter, Esq;**Mr. Job Watson.*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Job Gardner,**Mr. Allen Johnson.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,**Mr. Edward Carr.*

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*Mr. Arnold Paine,**Stephen Whipple, Esq;*

## SCITUATE:

*William West, Esq;**Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

*Silas Williams, Esq;**Mr. Daniel Owen.*

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Col. Joseph Stanton, jun.**Mr. James Congdon, the 3d.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

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## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;**Benjamin Bosworth, Esq;*

## TIVERTON:

*Mr. Thomas Corey,**Col. John Cooke.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Mr. Thomas Brownell,**Mr. Perez Richmond.*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,**Mr. James Miller.*

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## HOPKINTON:

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## JOHNSTON:

*Edward Fenner, Esq;**Caleb Harris, Esq;*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE

*Major Thomas Olney,**Capt. Job Olney.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Col. Nathaniel Martin,**Capt. Thomas Allen.**JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*



**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That the Company of Capt. T. Gorton's Company Soldiers under the Command of Capt. Thomas Gorton, in the Pay of this Colony, be stationed upon Warwick Neck : That Col. John Waterman be and he is hereby directed and empowered to procure as many Fire-Arms and Blankets as shall be necessary for said Company, by either borrowing or purchasing upon the best Terms he can, and to direct said Company to proceed to their said Station ; and that he be paid for his Trouble : That Capt. Josiah Gibbs's Company be immediately ordered to proceed to their Station, at Alderferst, and that as many of the Minute-Men there be discharged from Government Pay, as said Company shall relieve.

Warwick Neck.  
Col. J. Waterman employed to procure Arms and Blankets.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport be, and he is hereby directed and fully empowered, to take sufficient Aid, and proceed to the Honorable Joseph Wanton, Esq; late Governor of this Colony, and to take Possession of the Charter and Papers, together with the Chest, and all other Things appertaining to this Colony, which are in his Custody ; and to deliver the same to the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to receive them, to be delivered to his Honor the present Governor : And in case of any Resistance being made by the said Joseph Wanton, Esq; to take him into Custody, and bring him before this General Assembly.

Sheriff of Newport to take Possession of the Charter, &c. in Possession of the late Governor, and deliver them to the Committee, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That whereas this Assembly hath received Information that Mr. Martin Luther, of Warren, hath fitted out and sent a Vessel to Sea, contrary to the Resolves of the Continental Congress ; which Vessel is returned from her Voyage from the West-Indies, with a Cargo of Goods, that the said Martin Luther, together with Capt. Collins, Master of said Vessel, be forthwith had before this Assembly.

M. Luther and Capt. Collins to appear before the Assembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Book in the Secretary's Office, in which is entered an Account of all the Vessels and Merchandize which have been sent out lay before the Assembly the Book in which are re-

gistered the  
Vessels enter-  
ed and clear-  
ed since Sep-  
tember last.

or brought within this Colony, since the Tenth Day of *September* last past, and that all the Bonds in said Office, which have been given respecting said Vessels and Merchandize, be immediately brought and laid before this Assembly.

1000 lb. Gun-  
powder to be  
sent to Head-  
Quarters at  
*Newport*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Thousand Weight of Gunpowder (including the Five Hundred Weight already ordered) be immediately sent from the Colony's Magazine to the Head-Quarters upon *Rhode-Island*, under the Care of Lieutenant-Colonel *Lippitt*, and that he make Application to the Committee for the same.

Committee to  
procure hard  
Money.

*Joseph*

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration a Resolution of the Honorable the Continental Congress, of the Twentieth of *January* last, for procuring Gold and Silver Coin, for the Operations in *Canada*, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety, the Commissary, Messieurs *John G. Wanton, Joseph Anthony, John Jenckes, John Brown, John Mathewson, Joseph Nightingale, Daniel Owen, Stephen Whipple, Joshua Babcock, John Potter, Thomas Noyes, William Potter, George Hazard, Henry Marchant, Christopher Champlin, jun. George Champlin, Simon Potter, Shearjeshub Bourn, John Waldron, Ezekiel Gardner, Benjamin Ellery, William Greene, Richard Mathewson, Pardon Tillinghast, Charles Holden, Israel Bowen, Edward Hull, Francis Malbone, George Ingh, John Negus, Philip Taylor, John Weedon, Arnold Paine, Nathaniel Martin, Andrew Harris, Cromel Child, John Mawdsley, Simon Pease, Benjamin Wilkinson, George Corlis, Joseph Hewes, Thomas Brown, James Potter, Thomas Olney, Thomas Wickes, Josias Lyndon, John Almy, Job Sweeting, Samuel Nightingale, and Benjamin Greene*, be a Committee to procure as much Gold and Silver Coin as they can, for the Use aforesaid: That it be and hereby is recommended to every Member of the General Assembly, to use his best Endeavours to promote the above mentioned Service: That the Committee of Safety be empowered to receive such  
Silver

Silver and Gold Coin as shall be procured as aforesaid, and pay for the same in Lawful Money Bills, which they are hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury for that Purpose : That the Committee of Safety pay the Gold and Silver Coin they shall so receive into the General-Treasury within one Month : That the whole of the above mentioned Business be done without any Charge to the Colony : That the Secretary forthwith furnish every Person hereby appointed with a Copy of the said Resolution of the Continental Congress, and also with a Copy of this Vote.

In CONGRESS, January 20, 1776.

“ It being necessary to procure a large Quantity of Specie, for the Operations in *Canada*, which cannot be successfully carried on without that Article, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the General Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils or Committees of Safety, upon the Continent, to employ proper Persons within their respective Colonies to collect all the Gold and Silver Coin they can, and inform the Congress of the Sum collected.

*Extract from the Minutes,*

CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*”

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Government will purchase of Mr. *Silas Casey*, and Mr. *Nathan Miller*, all the Salt they now have, at *Three Shillings per Bushel* : That Mr. *Jacob Greene* be appointed to receive the Salt of Mr. *Casey* ; and Col. *Sylvester Child* to receive the Salt from Mr. *Miller*, and to store the Whole in some Places of Safety, to be hereafter delivered out to the Inhabitants of the Colony, as the General Assembly shall think proper : That the Persons so appointed draw for the Amount thereof out of the General-Treasury : And also that Col. *Joseph Noyes* purchase all the Salt he can at as low a Rate as possible, but not to exceed *Three Shillings per Bushel*.

Colony's Purchase of Salt of Messieurs *Casey* and *Miller*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Tomkins* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, *S. Tomkins* allowed £100 12 s. 6 d.

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Colony, for supplying the Minute-Men and others who went upon *Prudence*, for the Defence of said Island, with Provision and other Necessaries for their Support : And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence*, be allowed ; and that the aforesaid Sum be paid unto the said *Samuel Tomkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

Inhabitants upon *Block-Island* to remove their Stock.

Committee appointed to determine what Number of Neat-Cattle and Sheep will be necessary for the Inhabitants of *Block-Island*.

Fire-Arms to be purchased of the Inhabitants.

Gen. *West's* Resignation.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants upon *Block-Island*, to use their utmost Endeavours and Diligence to remove the Stock, or so much thereof as the Committee to be appointed by this Assembly for that Purpose shall judge not absolutely necessary for the Use and Consumption of the said Inhabitants, to the Main. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *John Sands*, Mr. *Joshua Sands*, and Mr. *William Littlefield*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to determine what Number of Neat-Cattle and Sheep shall be left upon said *Block-Island*, for the necessary Use of the Inhabitants, and agree with proper Persons for the Removal of the Remainder, upon the best Terms they can.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee-Men aforesaid agree with the Inhabitants for the Fire-Arms now on said Island, and purchase them for the Use of the Colony as soon as possible, and deliver them to the Committee of Safety ; and that they draw for the Amount of the Fire-Arms so delivered out of the General-Treasury : And that all Warlike Stores now on said Island be immediately removed therefrom, and delivered to the Committee of Safety.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, Brigadier-General *William West's* Resignation of the Command of the Colony's Brigade being read and considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted, and he is hereby discharged from the Command thereof accordingly.

THIS

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration a Letter from Brigadier-General *West*, respecting a Dispute between Col. *Henry Babcock* and Col. *William Richmond*, concerning Rank, *Do Resolve*, That by the Rules of the Army Col. *Babcock* is entitled to take Rank of Col. *Richmond* in the Colony's Brigade, and that he do take Rank accordingly.

Rank settled between Colonels *Babcock* and *Richmond*.

THE Grand Committee then proceeded to make Choice of the following Officers, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

*For the First Regiment in the Colony's Brigade.*

*Caleb Gardner*, Major.

*Benjamin Fry* Captain, *Jonathan Wallen* Lieutenant, and *Edmund A. Smith* Ensign, of the First Company.

*Caleb Carr* Captain, *Peleg Heath* Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Bosworth* (the 3d) Ensign, of the Second Company.

*Jeremiah Pearce* Ensign of the Third Company.

*Nathaniel Church* Captain of the Tenth Company.

*For the Second Regiment in the Colony's Brigade.*

*Arthur Fenner* (Son of *Edward*) Lieutenant of the First Company, in the Place of *William Drown*, who is appointed to a Lieutenantcy in the Sixth Company.

*Abraham Tourtellot* Ensign of the Fourth Company.

*Nathaniel Blackmar* Captain of the Fifth Company.

*William Drown* Lieutenant of the Sixth Company.

*Ichabod Prentice* Ensign of the Twelfth Company.

*John Bartlet*, jun. Surgeon's Mate of the Brigade, in the Room of *John Chace*, who declined.

*Stephen Wigner* Surgeon's Mate, in the Room of *Ebenezer Richmond*, who declined.

*Enoch Stanton* Armourer of the Brigade, at the same Wages as are allowed to the Armourers of the Continental Army.

*Nebemiah Knight* a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Cranston*, in Addition to those already chosen.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Quarter-Master of each Regiment in this Colony's Brigade, be and

Quarter-Master's Wages.

and he is hereby allowed the same Wages that a Quarter-Master is paid in the Continental Army.

Allowance to certain Of- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each of the Ma-  
ficers in the jors, as also the Major of Brigade, and each of the  
Brigade for two Adjutants belonging to the Colony's Brigade, be  
Horse keep- and they are hereby allowed *Six Shillings per Week*  
ing. for Horse keeping, when their Horses shall be kept  
upon Hay, and *Two Shillings per Week* when kept  
upon Grass.

Commissary of the Colo- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commissary of  
ny's Brigade the Colony's Brigade upon *Rhode-Island* purchase Beef  
to purchase for the Use of said Brigade, upon the best Terms he  
Beef. can procure the same, provided he does not exceed  
the Price that is given for Beef by the Commissary of  
the Continental Army at *Cambridge*.

Militia Offi- *BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee,*  
cers appoint- made Choice of the following Officers for the Militia  
ed. in the Colony, *to wit*.

*Stephen Jillson* Captain of the Second Company of Militia in the Town of *Cumberland*, in the Room of *Levi Tower*, who resigned.

*Roger Skeldon* Lieutenant of the same Company, in the Room of *Stephen Jillson*, promoted.

*Abraham Cooke* Ensign of the same Company, in the Room of *Roger Skeldon*, promoted.

*Charles Olney* Captain, *Eleazer Jenks* Lieutenant, and *Samuel Olney* Ensign, of the Company of Militia in the Town of *North-Providence*.

*John Vars* Lieutenant, and *Thomas Coggeshall, jun.* Ensign, of the Company of Militia in the Town of *Middletown*.

*David Giffard* Captain of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Portsmouth*, in the Room of *Burrington Anthony*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *James Arnold, jun.* Col. *John Waterman*, and Capt. *John Aborn*, be  
a Com-

a Committee to examine the Damages sustained by Committee  
 Capt. *Samuel Tomkins*, occasioned by the Soldiers be- appointed to  
 ing quartered at his House upon *Prudence* Island, and enquire into  
 that they, or the major Part of them, enquire into *S. Tomkins's*  
 the same, and make Report at the next Session of Damages sus-  
 tained by the  
 Assembly what they shall think reasonable and Soldiers.  
 right to be allowed therefor.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Clarke*, Wife of *James Clarke*, *M. Clarke's*  
 late of *Newport*, in this Colony, preferred her Petition Petition  
 before this Assembly, setting forth, that her said granted.  
 Husband having been a long Voyage at Sea, and  
 about coming Home, but hearing of the troublesome  
 Times in this Country, and being under great Concern  
 for his Family, hath concluded to settle in the Island  
 of *Dominica*, where he has an Estate, and has sent for  
 the Petitioner and his whole Family to come to him :  
 And the Petitioner being very desirous of obtaining  
 a Place of Safety, humbly prayed this Assembly to  
 grant her Liberty of fitting out a Vessel for transport-  
 ing herself, Family and Household Furniture, to said  
 Island of *Dominica*, and for no other Purpose what-  
 ever : This Assembly taking the aforelaid Petition in-  
 to Consideration, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*,  
 That the above mentioned Petition be granted, under  
 the Direction and Care of the Committee of Inspec-  
 tion of the Town of *Cranston*.

WHEREAS Miss *Martha Duncan*, Miss *Elizabeth Duncan*, Misses *Dun-*  
*Duncan*, and Miss *Mary Duncan*, preferred their Pe- can's Petition  
 tition to this Assembly, setting forth, that from the granted.  
 distressed Situation of the Town of *Newport*, and from  
 the dreadful Apprehension of the Danger with which  
 the same was threatened, they were induced to  
 transport their most valuable Effects to *Updike's*  
*Newtown*, a Place they esteemed of more Safety ; but  
 unhappily the Boat in which the same were conveying,  
 was captured by Capt. *Wallace*, and the Goods with  
 which she was laden taken on board the Ships of War  
 in *Newport* Harbour : That after the above Capture,  
 Application was repeatedly made in Behalf of the Pe-  
 titioners

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tioners to the Commanding Officer at Head-Quarters upon *Rhode-Island*, for a Permit to go on board Capt. *Wallace*, to solicit a Restoration of their Effects, which has been refused : Wherefore the Petitioners prayed this Assembly that they might be permitted to go on board Capt. *Wallace's* Ship for the Purpose aforesaid : Whereupon this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Petitioners may have Liberty to go on board of Capt. *Wallace's* Ship, under the Care and Direction of the Committee heretofore authorised and permitted to go on board the King's Ships of War.

Petition of  
the Town of  
*Westerly*.

WHEREAS the Town of *Westerly* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, representing that the Proportion of the Colony Taxes, assessed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, and also for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, upon said Town, had not been duly paid into the General-Treasury by the Collector appointed to receive the same, and that in Consequence thereof the Town-Treasurer of said *Westerly* had been committed to Gaol in the County of *King's County*, and given Bond for the Liberty of the Gaol-House and Yard, and thereupon left the Gaol, and subjected the Town to pay *Thirty per Cent.* Damages ; and besought this Assembly that they would take the Premises into Consideration, and that upon the Town's paying into the General-Treasury the Deficiency of both Taxes with Interest, from the Time they should have been collected and paid into the General-Treasury, that they might be excused from paying the *Thirty per Cent.* Damages incurred by Law : Whereupon this Assembly duly considering the same, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Town of *Westerly's* paying into the General-Treasury the Amount of the said Town's Proportion of said two Taxes, together with the Interest upon the same from the Time limited by Assembly to collect the said Taxes, the Town be excused from paying the *Thirty per Cent.* Damages.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Council Supplies of the Town of *Newport* be and they are hereby allowed to supply Capt. *Wallace* weekly with Two Thousand Pounds Weight of Beef, and with Beer, &c. as usual, under the Direction of the Commanding Officer of the Forces stationed upon *Rhode-Island*: That he appoint a proper Person to provide and deliver said Provisions, &c. That not any Member of either House of Assembly be appointed or suffered to go on board any or either of the Ships of War under the said *Wallace's* Command, on any Occasion whatsoever: That the aforesaid Supplies be delivered Capt. *Wallace*, upon his stipulating that the Ferry-Boats, Wood-Boats and Market-Boats, with the Passengers on board, pass and repass to and from the Town of *Newport*, with the common and usual Necessaries of Life on board, unmolested: And that Messieurs *Simon Pease*, *John Malbone*, and *George Sears* (if he will serve) or otherwise *John Mawdsley*, Esq; be a Committee to go on board of Capt. *Wallace's* Ship on any urgent Occasion.

WHEREAS this Assembly, upon Complaint and Information by them received, did order Col. *Joseph Wanton* to appear before them, to answer respecting his Conduct: And the Assembly having examined into the same, there doth not appear any Cause for detaining him: Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Wanton* be now dismissed, and he is dismissed accordingly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Minute-Men Minute-Men  
now in Pay be relieved by an equal Number from the discharged.  
standing Troops in this Colony; and that a sufficient  
Number of them be ordered forward, to relieve the  
Minute-Men, who are to be discharged within one  
Week, or sooner, if they are so relieved.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Deborah* *Dayton*, Wife of *Benedict D. Dayton's*  
*Dayton*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Cord- Petition  
wainer, presented to this Assembly her Petition, set- granted.  
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ting forth, that her said Husband *Benedict Dayton* was, on his Passage from *Newport* to *Updike's Newtown*, on the Second Day of *January* last past, taken on board the *Rose* Man of War, and ever since that Time detained as a Prisoner : That Application had divers Times been made to Capt. *Wallace*, Commander of said Ship, to release her said Husband, without Effect, and besought this Assembly to exchange with said *Wallace* some Person who was a Prisoner within this Colony, for her said Husband : Whereupon this Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee authorised to go on board Capt. *Wallace*, by this Assembly, be empowered to exchange *George Hamilton*, the Prisoner now at *Warren*, for the said *Benedict Dayton* ; and to permit *Joseph Farrish* to go on board the *Rose*, or any other of the Ships of War, provided that Capt. *Wallace* will release the wounded Prisoner belonging to this Colony ; and in case Capt. *Wallace* shall refuse, then to propose exchanging the said *Farrish* for Capt. *John Duncan*.

*W. Treby* allowed £ 5  
16 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Wilkins Treby* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against this Colony, for one Cedar Boat delivered to Col *Belcher*, and for mending the Row-Gallies Sails, &c. And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of said Account, being *Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, be allowed, and the aforesaid Sum paid to Mr. *Wilkins Treby*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Stewart's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Elizabeth Stewart*, Wife of *Gilbert Stewart*, late of *Newport*, in the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Snuff Maker, preferred her Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that her said Husband is possessed of a Tract of Land in the Township of *Newport*, in *Nova-Scotia*, under Improvement, and upon which he hath some Stock : That he finding it impossible to maintain his Family in the said Town of *Newport*,

*Newport*, in this Colony, did some Time last Summer remove to his said Farm, where he now is, and proposes to remain: And that exclusive of the Impracticability of her supporting herself and Family in this Colony, which strongly impels her to follow her said Husband, she is very desirous of joining him, which she is also bound in Duty to do, if possible: And therefore besought this Assembly to permit the Sloop *Nova-Scotia Packet*, *David Ross* Master, to proceed to the said Township of *Newport*, in *Nova-Scotia*, with herself and Family; she being willing to give the amplest Security, that nothing but the wearing Apparel and Household Furniture of the Family, and the necessary Provisions for the Voyage, shall be carried in said Sloop: The Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of this Petition be granted, and that the Sloop aforesaid be permitted to sail under the Inspection of Messieurs *John Collins* and *George Sears*, of *Newport*, in this Colony, or either of them.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Tayer* presented unto this *B. Tayer* Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Cedar two Mast Boat, with her Sails and Appurtenances, together with some small Stores: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of said Account, being *Thirty Pounds*, be allowed; and that the aforesaid Sum be paid to Mr. *Benjamin Tayer*, out of the General-Treasury. £ 30.

WHEREAS Col. *Thomas Church* exhibited an Account to this Assembly, wherein he had debited himself to the Colony for the Amount of fundry Guns which were turned into the Continental Store at *Cambridge*: Which Account being examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid by the said Col. *Thomas Church*, into the General-Treasury. to pay into the General-Treasury £ 613 10 1.

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WHEREAS

*T. Church* allowed £10 4 s. WHEREAS Col. *Thomas Church* exhibited to this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Trouble, Expence, Horse-hire, &c. in going to *Cambridge* upon public Service : And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money*, be paid to him, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Warren and J. Ingraham* permitted to go on board of the King's Ships. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Captain *John Warren*, and Captain *Joshua Ingraham*, be permitted to go on board the *Rose* Man of War, or any other of the King's Ships, under the Inspection of the Committee appointed to go on board said Ships, in order to solicit Compensation for Damages they have sustained by them.

*J. Wightman* allowed £5 9 s. 9 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Jacob Wightman* exhibited to this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Set of Rudder-Irons for the Row-Galley *Washington* : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of said Account, being *Five Pounds Nine Shillings and Ninepence*, be allowed ; and that the aforelaid Sum be paid to Mr. *Jacob Wightman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Arnold* to build a Watch-House upon *Cranston* Neck. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *James Arnold*, jun. be appointed to build, at the Expence of the Colony, a Watch-House in a convenient Place upon *Cranston* Neck, for the Watch appointed upon said Neck : And that the same be Twelve Feet in Length, and Eighth in Breadth.

An 18 lb. Cannon to be removed from *Providence* to *Bristol*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That one of the Eighteen Pound Cannon in the Battery at *Providence*, with the Carriage and Stores belonging to it, be sent to *Bristol*, for the Defence of that Place ; and that the same be carried in one of the Row-Gallies.

*A. Lopez* allowed £22 16 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Aaron Lopez* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for

for Four Half Barrels of Gunpowder, delivered for the Use of the Colony, and one Whaleboat: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-two Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Aaron Lopez*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Barber* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Beef supplied them with: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the Ballance thereof, being *Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny*, be paid the said *John Barber*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Barber.*  
allowed  
£ 9 16 s.  
7 d. ½

WHEREAS Messieurs *Samuel* and *William Vernon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged for two Trunks delivered the Secretary: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-one Shillings*, be paid the said *Samuel* and *William Vernon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. and W. Vernon* allowed  
21 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That for the future the Committees of Inspection, or any one Member thereof, for the several Towns adjoining the Shores of this Colony, be and they are hereby empowered to inspect any of the Freight-Boats, Wood-Boats and Ferry-Boats, when about to pass from one Part of the Colony to another, whereby they may be in Danger of being brought too by any of the ministerial Ships of War: And if any Person shall be on board such Boar, with Intent to pass over the Bays, Rivers, or Harbours, who is suspected of being unfriendly to the common Cause of *America*, such Committee, or any one Member belonging thereto, shall have Power to prevent such Persons passing in such Boat, unless they have a Pass from his Honor the Governor, the Deputy-Governor, or the Commander in Chief upon some Station within this Colony. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Thomas Freebody*,

Committee to inspect Boats passing to and from Newport, &c.

*Freebody, John Collins, George Sears, and William Ellery, be a Committee of Inspection for the Purpose afore said, for the Town of Newport.*

Minute Men  
dismissed,  
and the Mi-  
litia to be  
paid when  
upon actual  
Duty.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That within one Week from the Rising of this Assembly, the Minute-Men in the Colony be dismissed from that Service, and be embodied in the Militia as heretofore: That on any future Alarm, Notice or Warning being given to the Militia, they forthwith repair, agreeable to Orders given, to the Place threatened to be invaded, in order to repel the Enemy: That every one of the Militia appearing properly accoutred, with a good Firelock, Bayonet, Cartridge-Box, &c. subject to the Controul of his Commanding Officer, shall be entitled to receive Pay. It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Pay of the Militia, when called upon actual Duty, shall be as follows: Each Captain Five Shillings, each Lieutenant Four Shillings, each Ensign Three Shillings, each Serjeant Two Shillings and Sixpence, each and every Corporal, Drummer and Fifer, Two Shillings and Threepence, and each private Soldier Two Shillings, who shall appear as afore said, for each and every Day they shall continue in Service.*

Committee  
to enquire in-  
to the State  
of the Colo-  
ny, station  
the Troops,  
&c

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy Governor, Messieurs William Ellery, John Mathewson, Henry Marchant, and Gideon Mumford, be a Committee to take into Consideration the present State of this Colony, and the necessary Means to be pursued for the Defence thereof: That they direct the Commanding Officer of the Colony's Brigade where to station the Troops under his Command: That the Committee afore said, together with the Commander in Chief of the Colony's Brigade, cause Fortifications as soon as possible to be erected upon Rhode-Island and at Bristol, sufficient to command and keep open a Communication at Bristol Ferry: And that the Troops stationed at Bristol and upon Rhode-Island, or so many of them as can be spared, be employed in the said Service.*

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr *Edward Hull* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Beef, Hides and Tallow, brought from *New-Shoreham*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Fifty Pounds Seven Skillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Edward Hull*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nicholas Brown* and Company presented unto this Assembly a Petition, setting forth, that they had heretofore agreed to make for the Colony Sixty Pieces of heavy Cannon for *Thirty-five Pounds* Lawful Money *per Ton*; that at the Time of making the Contract they were quite unacquainted with the Price of Cannon in *England*, which they since find by *Muller's Treatise on Artillery* is *Thirty Pounds* Sterling *per Ton*; that in making the necessary Preparations, and hiring the proper Workmen, they find the Pay of the Labourers, &c. to be advanced near One Half more than it was when they made the aforesaid Contract; they likewise find by said Treatise, that the lighter Cannon made upon the new Construction are much better than the old heavy Pieces; that the Labour necessary to be used in making the light Cannon is nearly the same as that bestowed upon the heavy Pieces; that *Ambrose Page*, Esq; one of the Gentlemen appointed by the Assembly to give the Dimensions of the Cannon, &c. prefers the lighter Pieces, as being best calculated to answer the End proposed; that they will cost less by *Fourteen Hundred Dollars* than if made upon the Plan proposed upon the original Contract; and prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration: Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ambrose Page*, *John Mathewson*, and *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esquires, be a Committee to consider of the Contents of the said Petition, and to agree with the Petitioners for casting the said Cannon upon the best Terms they can.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Rowland Robinson* and *Nathan Gardner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account,  
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*R. Robinfor* charged against the Colony, for Two Thousand Six  
 and *N. Gard-* Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds and an Half of Beef,  
*ner allowed* Hides and Tallow, brought from *New-Shoreham* :  
*£ 26 14 s.* Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,*  
*11 J.* That the Amount thereof, being *Twenty six Pounds*  
*Fourteen Shillings and Elevenpence*, be allowed ; and that  
 the aforesaid Sum be paid to the said *Rowland Robin-*  
*son* and *Nathan Gardner*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Allen al-* WHEREAS Mr. *Jonatban Allen* exhibited unto this  
 lowed *£ 1 4 s.* Assembly an Account, by him charged against the  
 Colony, for two Coverlids to wrap a Soldier of the  
 ministerial Troops in, who was wounded at *Prudence* :  
 And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*  
*and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ;  
 and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four*  
*Shillings*, be paid to the said *Jonatban Allen*, out of the  
 General-Treasury.

*W. Potter to* WHEREAS *William Potter*, Esq ; exhibited unto this  
 pay the Ba- Assembly an Account of the Sales of Five Hundred and  
 lance of his Nineteen Sheep, and the Charges thereon, which were  
 Account up- received from *New-Shoreham*, and by him, with the rest  
 on the Sales of the Committee appointed, sold to divers Persons :  
 of Sheep into Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and*  
 the General- *Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and  
 Treasury. that the Balance thereof, being *Eighty two Pounds and*  
*One Penny*, be paid by the said *William Potter*, into  
 the General-Treasury.

Committee to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Nathaniel*  
 audit the Ac- *Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be and  
 counts of the they are hereby continued a Committee, to audit the  
 Committee of Accounts of the Committee of Safety, and to make  
 Safety. Report to next Session of Assembly.

Owners of *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bond given to  
 the Sloop the General-Treasurer by the Owners of the Sloop  
*Diana* to re- *Diana*, *Rufus Potter*, Master, upon her sailing on her  
 ceive their last Voyage, be delivered up.  
 Bond.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Joseph Brown*, *John Smith*, *Cromel Child*, *Thomas Corey*, and *Edward Church*, be and they are hereby appointed to procure Carriages to be made for the Sixty Cannon ordered to be purchased for the Colony, as soon as possible: That the said Committee agree among themselves what Part each of them will undertake; and that the said *Joseph Brown* give the Dimensions of and Directions for making the said Carriages.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Hyers* be and he is hereby chosen and appointed Captain of the *Washington Row-Galley*, in the Room of Captain *Oliver Gardner*, who has resigned.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Joseph Brown*, *Daniel Tillinghast*, and *Thomas Greene*, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit all the Accounts of the Workmen, employed in making Carriages for the Cannon brought from *Newport to Providence*: That they be empowered to draw upon the General-Treasurer for the Sums they shall find due; and that Report be made to this Assembly at the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Jenckes* be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to purchase, for the Use of the Colony, all the Gunpowder and other Merchandize imported in the Sloop *Diana*, which is wanted for their Use; and that he draw Money out of the General-Treasury, to pay for the same.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Cook*, Esq; and Captain *James Potter*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to lease out the Estates seized for the Use of the Colony, by *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; in the County of *Newport*: *William Potter* and *Ezekiel Gardner*, Esquires, for such like Estates in *King's County*, and *James Angell*, Esq; for Estates under the like Circumstances in the County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS

*J. Gardner*  
allowed £ 12  
4 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Gardner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for victualling and supplying the Minute-Men and Militia that watched the Shores with Fire-Wood, and House-Room : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Twelve Pounds Four Shillings and Tenpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Job Gardner*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to  
remove *I.*  
*Howland's*  
Hay.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee heretofore appointed for removing the Stock and Hay from the Island of *Conanicut*, or any two of them, do forthwith proceed to remove the Hay belonging to *Isaac Howland*, necessary for the Support of his Stock, which hath been already removed : That they also remove the Hay and Stock of any other of the Inhabitants of the said Island, who are willing to have the same removed off : That the Commanding Officer on said Island do assist said Committee with such a Number of Men, under the Command of a commissioned Officer, as they shall think necessary for said Service ; and that said Committee be and they are hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, to be accounted for by them when said Business is completed.

*H. Rice* al-  
lowed £ 5  
6 d.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Service of Warrants upon several Persons, by Order of his Honor the Governor, and for Wood, &c. supplied the Assembly and Courts at *Kent*, for his Attendance upon the General Assembly, &c. Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Five Pounds and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Mumford*  
appointed  
one of the

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Stephen Mumford* be and he is hereby appointed one of the Committee

mittee of Safety, in the Room of *Jacob Greene*, who hath resigned. Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon the General Committee at *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ten Shillings and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury. *D. Branch allowed 10 s. 6 d.*

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Wanton* hath represented to this Assembly, that a two Malt Boat belonging to him had been taken by General *Hopkins* into the Service of the Colony, and that said Boat had received considerable Damage thereby: Therefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Robert Mowry* be appointed to estimate the Damages so sustained, and to report the same to this Assembly at the next Session. *R. Mowry to estimate the Damage J. Wanton's Boat received.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John J. Jenckes* and *John Waterman* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to erect a Powder-Mill, in the County of *Providence*, at the Charge of the Colony. *J. Jenckes and J. Waterman to erect a Powder-Mill.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for washing and cleansing the Court-House at *Kent*, at divers Times, and for Wood and Sand for the same: And said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence* being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General-Treasury. *T. Spencer allowed 14 s. 6 d.*

WHEREAS Brigadier General *William West* hath, since his Residence at Head-Quarters in *Middletown*, taken up divers Persons, upon Suspicion of their conducting themselves in a Manner inimical to the Liberties and Privileges for which we are now strenuously  
E e e contending  
Gen. West's Justification.

contending ; which Persons have since been examined before this House, and upon a full Hearing dismissed : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That it is nevertheless the Opinion of this Assembly, that the said General *West* hath acted therein as an Officer having the Love of his Country at Heart ; and that this Assembly will ever approve the Conduct of their military Commanders, in exerting themselves for the securing and bringing to Trial all Persons conducting in a suspicious Manner as aforesaid, at the same Time carefully observing not to encroach upon, infringe or supersede the civil Authority, by Exertions of the military.

*J. Aplin* dismissed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Aplin* was brought before this Assembly, to answer for his Conduct : And being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Aplin* be and he is hereby dismissed.

Committee appointed to purchase Gunpowder, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, Messieurs *John Jenckes* and *Joshua Babcock*, or either of them, be a Committee to purchase, at the Expence and for the Use of the Colony, all the Gunpowder, Arms and military Stores, that they shall be able to procure, and think necessary.

*B. Brenton* dismissed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Benjamin Brenton* be and he is hereby dismissed from the Complaint made against him to this Assembly.

Executions stayed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Executions, for the staying of which Petitions are now pending before this Assembly, be stayed until the said Petitions be heard.

Adjournment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County,

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County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County : And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned unto the last *Monday of March*, at *East-Greenwich*.

G O D save the K I N G.

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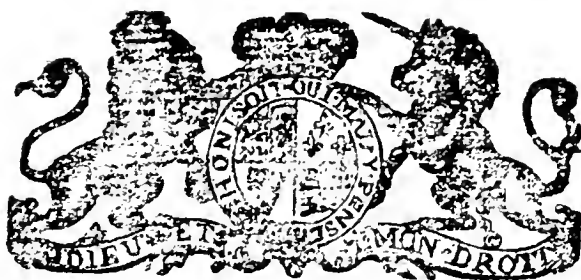
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor) at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on *Monday* the Eighteenth Day of *March*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, and Sixteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of *GOD*, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq;*

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

N E W P O R T :	Mr. James Congdon, <i>the 3d.</i>
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gideon</i> )	WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. Joseph Anthony,	Mr. Jonathan Cornstock,
Mr. Thomas Freebody,	Mr. Joseph Case.
Col. Joseph Belcher.	COVENTRY :
PROVIDENCE :	John Rice, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. Jonathan Arnold,	Mr. Ephraim Westcor.
Mr. John Jenckes,	EXETER :
Mr. John Smith,	Thomas Wilcox, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. John Mathewson.	Jeffery Wilcox, <i>Esq;</i>
PORTSMOUTH :	MIDDLETOWN :
Mr. Job Durfee.	Mr. James Potter,
WARWICK :	Mr. Nicholas Easton.
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	BRISTOL :
Mr. Jacob Greene,	Shearjashub Bourn, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. John Waterman,	Benjamin Bosworth, <i>Esq;</i>
Charles Holden, <i>Esq;</i>	TIVERTON :
WESTERLY :	Mr. Thomas Corey,
Major-General Joshua Babcock,	Col. John Cooke.
Col. Joseph Noyes.	LITTLE-COMPTON :
NEW-SHOREHAM :	Mr. Perez Richmond.
N O N E.	WARREN :
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Mr. Cromel Child,
John Northup, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. James Miller.
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	CUMBERLAND :
John Potter, <i>Esq;</i>	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Job Watſon.	RICHMOND :
EAST-GREENWICH :	Edward Perry, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Job Gardner,	Mr. William Tefft.
Mr. Allen Johnson.	CRANSTON :
JAMESTOWN :	Mr. Thomas Potter.
Capt. Samuel Carr,	HOPKINTON :
Mr. Edward Carr.	Mr. John Larkin,
SMITHFIELD :	Thomas Wells, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Arnold Paine,	JOHNSTON :
Stephen Whipple, <i>Esq;</i>	Edward Fenner, <i>Esq;</i>
SCITUATE :	Caleb Harris, <i>Esq;</i>
William West, <i>Esq;</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
Mr. Christopher Potter.	Major Thomas Olney,
GLOUCESTER :	Mr. Thomas Whipple.
Silas Williams, <i>Esq;</i>	BARRINGTON :
Mr. Daniel Owen.	Col. Nathaniel Martin,
CHARLESTOWN :	Capt. Thomas Allen.
Col. Joseph Stanton, <i>jun.</i>	
JOSIAS LYNDON, <i>Esq;</i>	<i>Clerk of the Lower House.</i>



**I**t is Voted and Resolved, That there be immediately raised in *Newport* a Company of Men, not exceeding Twenty-five, including Officers, by the Name of the Watch Company : That the following Persons be and they are hereby chosen to officer said Company, to wit: *Philip Moss* Captain, *Augustus Newman* Lieutenant, and *Joseph Crandell* Ensign : That they be commissioned by his Honor the Governor, and directly proceed to enlist Soldiers to fill up said Company : That the said Company be under the Command of the Commander in Chief of the *Rhode-Island* Brigade ; and that their Pay be and hereby is established in the following Manner : The Captain *Five Shillings*, the Lieutenant *Four Shillings*, the Ensign *Three Shillings*, the non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers *Two Shillings*, for each and every Day they shall be employed in said Service by the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Persons who have any just Demands against the Persons whose Estates are seized for the Colony's Use, be and they are hereby directed to exhibit their several Claims unto the Secretary, within Six Months after the Rising of this Assembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Notes due from this Colony, carrying Interest, be brought into the General-Treasury to be exchanged, within One Month from and after the Rising of this Assembly : And that the Interest on said Notes cease after said Month expires.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Waterman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Nineteen Reams of Paper, delivered Mr. *Carter*, whereon to print the Lawful Money Bills ordered to be emitted by this Colony : Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Nineteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

*R. Partelo* released from Gaol.

WHEREAS the Honorable Justices of the Superior Court passed Sentence, that *Richard Partelo* should pay into the General-Treasury *Fifteen Pounds Two Shillings*, being the two-fold Value of the Beer that said *Partelo* took, belonging to the Colony: And as he has been confined to Gaol for the Non-payment thereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum aforesaid be and hereby is remitted; and that the said *Partelo* be discharged from his Imprisonment, upon paying the Cost of Court and Prison Fees.

*J. Carter* allowed £ 51 9 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing divers Acts, and also for printing the Lawful Money Bills, ordered to be emitted by this Colony, &c. And said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fifty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Champlin's* Report upon taking the Charter, &c. from *J. Wanton*, late Governor.

WHEREAS *Jabez Champlin*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, was ordered and directed by this Assembly to take Possession of the Charter, &c. in the Possession of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; late Governor of this Colony, and deliver the same to the Committee, to be delivered to his Honor the present Governor; and thereupon made the following Report:

*Newport, Rhode-Island, March 17, 1776.*

By Virtue of a Vote of the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony aforesaid, at their Session held at *East-Greenwich* on the Twenty-seventh Day of *February* past, delivered unto me by Mr. *James Caboone*, of *Newport* aforesaid, Merchant, I proceeded with *Daniel W. Hookey* and *William Davis*, two of my Deputies, without Delay, unto the House of the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; late Governor of the Colony aforesaid, and in his Absence took and carried away from and out of said House a Chest, in which were  
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and are deposited the Charter of the Colony aforesaid, *Fone's* Book of Records, a large Number of Bundles of Papers, Seventeen Dies for counterfeiting Dollars and Half Johannes', an Instrument for Edge-milling, and other Implements for counterfeiting; and left a Copy of the same Vote at the House of the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; aforesaid, and an Account of what I had taken from thence; and have this Day, in Pursuance of the said Vote or Act, delivered the same Chest, Charter, *Fone's* Book of Records, Bundles of Papers, Dies for counterfeiting Dollars and Half Johannes'; Instruments for Edge-milling, and other Implements for counterfeiting as aforesaid, unto *Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; and *Joseph Anthony*, Gentleman, two of a Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly aforesaid to receive the same.

JABEZ CHAMPLIN, Sheriff.

AND the aforesaid Premises being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be and it is hereby accepted.

WHEREAS the following Memorial was laid before this Assembly, by the Committee appointed to prepare the same.

Memorial to  
General  
Washington.

*To his Excellency General Washington.*

" THE General Assembly of the Colony or *Rhode Island, &c.* acknowledge with Gratitude the timely Notice you have been pleased to give them of the late Movement of the ministerial Troops; the necessary Orders have in Consequence thereof been given to the Militia of this Colony to hold themselves in Readiness, should any Attack or Lodgment be made here by said Troops. But we must inform your Excellency, that the great Number of Troops sent out of this Colony has considerably lessened our Numbers; that the Troops raised and stationed within this Colony hath made it necessary for us to take the Arms out of the Hands of a great Part of the Militia, which has

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made them greatly deficient in Arms. The singular Situation of this Colony will we hope excite your Excellency's immediate Attention. *Rhode-Island*, and the many other Islands in our Bays and Rivers, with the extensive Sea Coast, render it very difficult to defend ourselves against the present ministerial Forces,

"WHAT our Situation must be, if a large armed Force should make a Landing upon *Rhode-Island*, or any other Part of the Colony, your Excellency may as easily suggest as we can describe.

"IT will, we are sure, be your Excellency's great Concern to defend every Part of the Continent, as far as possible. Should your Excellency see fit to order any Part of the Forces from the Vicinity of *Boston* to any of the Southern Colonies, we could with your Excellency would order their March through this Colony by the Sea Shore, that we might have the Chance of their being present, should the Colony be immediately invaded: And whether it may not be necessary that a considerable Force should be immediately stationed here, until the Intention of the Enemy can be known, we submit to your Excellency. We are extremely solicitous for all the Assistance your Excellency can afford, consistent with the general Good, and doubt not but the utmost Attention will be paid by your Excellency to our peculiar distressed and dangerous Situation."

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is approved; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to sign a Copy thereof, in Behalf of this Colony, and forward the same immediately to his Excellency General *Washington*.

Committee  
to wait upon  
General  
*Washington*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, *Thomas Greene*, and *William Ellery*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed to wait upon his Excellency General *Washington*, with the Memorial of this Assembly:

Assembly : That they give the best Information in their Power of the State of this Colony to his Excellency, or in his Absence to the Commander in Chief for the Time being, and Use the most pressing Instances for stationing a Body of Troops from the Continental Army in this Colony, until the Destination of the Army, which hath lately been obliged to evacuate *Boston*, shall be ascertained : And that they pray the General to recommend to the Honorable Continental Congress the placing such a Force in this Colony as shall appear necessary for the Defence thereof.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Officers appointed to the Companies of Artillery, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly passed at *January* Session last, establishing Artillery Companies in several Towns in this Colony, be commissioned by his Honor the Governor in the usual Manner ; and that their Commissions bear Date at the Time of their Appointment.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Peck* exhibited unto this Assembly two Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for supplying the People who appeared upon the Alarms at *Bristol*, upon the cannonading that Town, and burning the Houses upon *Prudence* : And the said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed ; and that *Seven Pounds Four Shillings and One Half-penny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Jonathan Peck*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work done upon the Court-House in *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Eighteen Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be

be paid unto the said *Henry Peckham*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee of Safety to pay Soldiers bil-  
let Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby directed to allow all such billeting for Soldiers, as shall appear to them just and right, by proper Certificates from the Officer or Officers commanding them.

*J. Finney* al-  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Josiah Finney* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Service done, and supplying the People who removed the Hay from *Prudence*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two-pence Lawful Money of said Account be and the same is hereby allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Josiah Finney*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Elliot* and  
*J. Champlin*  
appointed a  
Committee  
to purchase  
Powder, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Robert Elliot*, and Col. *Jesse Champlin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to proceed to *Stonington*, to purchase, for the Use of the Colony, the Powder, Arms, Flints, Blankets, and all warlike Stores, which Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale* have to dispose of, and cause the same to be lodged in such Places as this Assembly shall appoint (if they can purchase the same) and that they give a Draft upon the General-Treasury, for the Payment thereof.

*C. Lippitt* ap-  
pointed to  
examine *N.*  
*Negus's* and  
other Ac-  
counts.

WHEREAS it has been suggested unto this Assembly that the Accounts of *Nathaniel Negus*, *Alexander Thompson*, and *William Wilbur*, or some Part of them, have been paid twice over; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Christopher Lippitt* be and he is hereby appointed to examine the said Accounts; and that he make Report to this Assembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Troops now quartered at Mr. *George Irish's* House be immediately removed

removed therefrom : That all the Troops quartered at and in private Houses, be also removed as soon as possible ; saving those stationed at the *Dudley-House* and *Straw-Castle*, who are to remain until further Orders from this Assembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to his Excellency General *Washington*, soliciting him for six Seamen taken from the Enemy, and now Prisoners, to be exchanged for so many Inhabitants of this Colony, who are detained on board the King's Ship in this Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the two Houses will in a Grand Committee enquire into the State of the Troops stationed upon *Rhode-Island*, and the Conduct of *Henry Babcock*, Esq; Colonel-Commandant of the Colony Brigade : That Col. *Jonathan Arnold*, *James Arnold*, jun. *Thomas Wells*, jun. *Cromel Child*, and *John Jepson*, Esquires, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take the Evidences and Informations before this Assembly, respecting the Conduct of *Henry Babcock*, Esq; as Colonel-Commandant of the Colony's Brigade ; and from thence draw up the several Articles laid to his Charge ; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Deborah Dayton* preferred her Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that Capt. *Wallace* had refused to exchange her Husband, *Benedict Dayton*, for the wounded Prisoner taken at *Prudence*, and prayed that if the six Seamen which this Assembly have petitioned his Excellency General *Washington* for, to exchange for the American Prisoners on board the ministerial Fleet now in *Newport Harbour*, could not be obtained, that one of the Prisoners now confined in *Providence Gaol* might be delivered up in Exchange for her said Husband : *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be

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requested to send by Express to General *Washington* his Application for six Seamen ; that in case one of said Seamen cannot be had to exchange for said *Dayton*, when the Brigantine on board of which he is shall return from her Cruise, then one of the Prisoners in *Providence* Gaol shall be exchanged for him ; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to direct which of said Prisoners shall be exchanged.

*J. Banister's*  
Petition.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Banister* represented unto this Assembly, that the Committee which were heretofore appointed to examine and estimate the Damages he had sustained by Means of the Soldiers being quartered in his House, had not been able to attend said Business ; and prayed that this Assembly would take the Premises into Consideration, and appoint such other Committee in the Town of *Newport*, or upon the Island of *Rhode-Island*, as will settle the same : Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John G. Wanton*, *William Ellery*, and *Christopher Lippitt*, be and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the Matter set forth in said Petition respecting the Damages, until the Time of said Soldiers being removed : And that such Buildings as have been erected on said *Banister's* Farm, by the Colony, be removed.

Report of the  
Committee  
who signed  
the Lawful  
Money Bills.

WHEREAS the Committee for signing the Lawful Money Bills of Credit, ordered by this Assembly at their Session holden in *Providence* on the Second Monday in *January* last past to be emitted, made the following Report, viz.

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. to be holden at East-Greenwich, in and for the said Colony, on the Third Monday in March, A. D. 1776.*

May it please your Honors,

In Pursuance of an Act passed by the General Assembly, at the Session held at *Providence*, on the  
Second



Second Monday in January last past, for emitting Forty Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, in Bills of Credit, we the Subscribers have signed the said Bills, which are of the following Denominations, *to wit* :

3000	Bills of 60 s. each,	£ 9000
4000	40 s.	8000
6000	30 s.	9000
6000	20 s.	6000
6000	10 s.	3000
6000	5 s.	1500
6000	4 s.	1200
7500	3 s.	1125
5000	2 s.	500
6000	1 s.	300
6000	9 d.	225
6000	6 d.	150

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£ 40,000

WHICH said Bills, amounting to *Forty Thousand Pounds*, we have delivered to the General-Treasurer, of whom we have taken a Receipt in the Eighth Book of the Colony Records, in the Secretary's Office ; in which Book we have also registered an exact Account of signing the same.

JOHN COLE,  
JOHN G. WANTON,  
WELCOME ARNOLD,  
JOSEPH CLARKE,  
JOHN DEXTER,  
JAMES CONGDON 3d.

The Colony Dr. to *Joseph Clarke, John Cole, John Dexter, John G. Wanton, Thomas Greene, Welcome Arnold, and James Congdon 3d.*

For our Services in signing said Bills, at

One Quarter *per Cent.* - - - £ 100

WHICH aforeaid Premises being duly examined, *J. Clarke, &c. allowed £ 100.*  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforeaid Report be and hereby is accepted : That the aforeaid Account be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof.

thereof, being *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Clarke, John Cole, John Dexter, John G. Wanton, Thomas Greene, Welcome Arnold,* and *James Congdon* 3d, out of the General-Treasury.

*I. Cooper's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS *Isaac Cooper* represented unto this Assembly, that he took a Quantity of Strong Beer, which was in the Possession of *Jabez Champlin*, belonging to the Colony : That he was therefor justly sentenced by the Honorable Superior Court to pay to the Colony the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money, as a twofold Value of said Beer : That he is unable to pay said Sum, and hath a numerous Family to support, who depend upon his daily Labour ; and thereupon besought this Assembly to remit said Sum : Wherefore this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That the Prayer of said Petition be granted ; and that upon the said Petitioner's paying Cost of Court and Imprisonment, he be and hereby is discharged.

*J. Whaley*  
allowed his  
Wages.

WHEREAS *Joseph Whaley*, of *South-Kingstown*, in *King's County*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, setting forth that he being a Soldier in Capt. *Abial Brown's* Company of Minute-Men, stationed upon the Island of *Jamestown*, he was on the Morning of the Tenth Day of *December*, 1775, captivated by Capt. *Wallace's* Company, and sent in one of the Tenders to *Boston*, where he remained a Prisoner a long Time ; that he was stript of his most valuable Cloathing : Wherefore he besought this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him an Order for his Wages, during his Captivity : Which Premises being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Petitioner's producing a Certificate from his Commanding Officer, that he has not received any Pay for the Time aforesaid, that he be and hereby is allowed Wages from the Time of his Captivity, until the Twenty-second Day of *March*, A. D. 1776.

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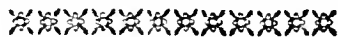
BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Com-Officers cho-  
mittee, made Choice of the following Officers, *to wit* : *scn.*

*Samuel Thomas*, jun. Captain of the Third Com-  
pany of Militia in the Town of *North-Kingstown*, in the  
Room of *Joseph Case*, who refuses.

*John Brown*, jun. Lieutenant, and *Joshua Vaughan*,  
jun. Ensign, of the same Company.

*Samuel Vial* First Lieutenant, *Isaac Tyler* Second  
Lieutenant, and *Joseph Morin* Master, of the Row-  
Galley *Spitfire*.

BOTH Houses in a Grand Committee proceeded to  
enquire into the Conduct of Colonel *Henry Babcock* ;  
and having fully heard many Witnesses respecting the  
same, and duly considered thereof, *Do Vote and Resolve*,  
*and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Henry Bab-*  
*cock* be and he is hereby continued in his Command.



## An A C T for purchasing Two Thou- sand Arms for the Colony, &c.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Two Thou-  
sand Stand of good Fire-Arms, with Bayonets, Iron  
Ramrods, and Cartouch-Boxes, be purchased for the  
Use of the Colony, which shall be stamped with the  
Colony's Arms, and the Letters C. R. and distributed  
to each Town, in Proportion to the Number of Polls  
upon the Alarm List therein; and that the Expence  
of procuring and furnishing the same be paid out of  
the General-Treasury; and that the Committee for  
purchasing the same, or either of them, are empowered  
to draw Monies out of the General-Treasury, to pay  
for such Arms, as they shall receive them in.

Act for pur-  
chasing 2000  
Arms for the  
Colony, &c.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,  
That whenever the Arms aforesaid are collected by the  
Committee aforesaid, and ready to be distributed to the  
several Towns as aforesaid, each Town shall be noti-

fied thereof, and appoint some proper Person or Persons to receive and take the proper Care of them, and see that they are constantly in Order, and fit for Service; and at the Time of receiving such Arms, &c. each Town shall give Security to the General-Treasurer of the Colony, to the full Value of the Arms and Accoutrements so delivered, to return the same in good Order to the Colony when demanded, or make good all Deficiencies in Money.

AND whereas several Towns in this Colony may have supplied, or made Provision to supply, themselves with their full Proportion of Arms and Accoutrements as abovesaid, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That upon producing the same to the Satisfaction of said Committee, such Town or Towns shall have from the said Committee an Order upon the General-Treasury for the Amount of all such Fire-Arms and Accoutrements, accounting the Value thereof to be the prime Cost, and not exceeding *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings* for each Fire-Arm, Bayonet, Ramrod and Cartouch-Box: And that all such Arms shall remain in the Town so providing them, until the whole Number to be supplied for the Colony's Use be completed; unless occasionally, and for some particular Emergency, it be ordered otherwise by the General Assembly, or by Persons authorized by them to order the same. *Provided always*, That when the Arms and Accoutrements shall, in Cases of Emergency, and for the public Service, be removed from any Town in this Colony to another by the General Assembly, or Persons by them authorized as aforesaid, the said Arms and Accoutrements shall be returned to such Town whence they shall be taken, as soon as may be after such Occasion of their Removal has ceased: And that all Loss and Damage they may sustain at such Times shall be made good, and paid to such Town, out of the General-Treasury.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Town-Council of each Town shall have Power, and they are hereby empowered, to determine

termine what Persons in their respective Towns shall have the Benefit and Use of the Arms provided as aforesaid, and be exempted from providing themselves as the Law requires.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That there be a Committee, consisting of one Person from each Town, who shall use their utmost Diligence to procure Arms and Accoutrements as aforesaid, for the respective Towns to which they belong, and deliver them to such Person as each Town shall appoint to receive them as aforesaid, and receive from the General-Treasurer the Amount of all Arms, &c. by them so delivered; and that the following Persons be the said Committee, viz. For *Newport*, Col. *Jabez Champlin*; *Providence*, Col. *John Mathewson*; *Portsmouth*, *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Warwick*, Col. *John Waterman*; *Westerly*, *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; *North-Kingstown*, *John Northup*, Esq; *South-Kingstown*, *John Potter*, Esq; *East-Greenwich*, Mr. *Job Gardner*; *Jamestown*, *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; *Smithfield*, Capt. *Joseph Jenckes*; *Scituate*, General *William West*; *Gloucester*, Mr. *Benjamin Colwell*; *Charlestown*, Mr. *Joseph Stanton*, jun. *West-Greenwich*, Col. *Nathaniel Brown*; *Coventry*, Mr. *Ephraim Westcott*; *Exeter*, Mr. *George Pierce*; *Middletown*, Mr. *Nicholas Easton*; *Bristol*, Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth*; *Tiverton*, Col. *John Cooke*; *Little Compton*, Mr. *Perez Richmond*; *Warren*, Mr. *Cromel Child*; *Cumberland*, Mr. *Rufus Bartlett*; *Richmond*, Mr. *William Test*; *Cranston*, Mr. *John Burton*, jun. *Hopkinton*, Mr. *John Larkin*; *Johnston*, *Caleb Harris*, Esq; *North-Providence*, Mr. *Joseph Olney*; *Barrington*, Mr. *Thomas Allen*.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all such Persons as are by Law obliged to equip themselves with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, and who shall not by the Report of such Town-Council be declared incapable of providing themselves as aforesaid, do provide themselves by the Twentieth Day of *April*, agreeable to Law, under  
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the Penalty of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, before the Superior or Inferior Court for the County wherein such Delinquent resides; which Fine shall be lodged in the Town-Treasury of the Town where such Delinquent resides, for the purchasing of Arms, &c. to and for such Town: That each Captain shall make Return of such Delinquents within his District to his Colonel or Commander in Chief, by the First Day of *May* next, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered in Manner as above directed, and of being dismissed from his Office; which Fine shall be lodged in the Town-Treasury of the Town to which said Captain belongs; and that the Colonels of the respective Regiments in this Colony make Return thereof to the General Assembly to be holden on the First *Wednesday* in *May* next.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly, for providing Arms for the Poor of the several Towns, be and the same is hereby repealed.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Colonels of Militia, and Commanders of Independent Companies within this Colony, be and they are hereby directed to transmit to this Assembly, at the next Session, a true Account of the Number of Polls in their respective Regiments and Companies upon the Alarm List, and how many belong to each particular Town.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Copy of the foregoing Act be sent by the Secretary to each of the Committee aforesaid, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.*



WHEREAS Messieurs *John* and *Sylvester Wickes* laid before this Assembly two several Accounts, by them charged against the Colony, for supplying the Soldiers  
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and others, that repaired to defend the Shores, upon 7. and 8. the Alarm in January, 1776, with Provisions, &c. *Wickes* allowed £ 24 8 s. 6 d. Which, said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed; and that *Twenty-four Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John and Sylvester Wickes*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *W. Greene* Mr. *William Greene* (Son of *Philip*) for the Service of two Horses seven Days for the Artillery, at the Time of the Alarm upon *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fourteen Shillings* of said Account be and hereby is allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *William Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Col. *J. Waterman* for his Services done, and for various Supplies delivered the Soldiers when attending the Alarm at *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Thirteen Pounds and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid unto the said *John Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *J. Allen* Mr. *James Allen*, for the Use of his Sloop and three Hands two Days, in removing the Stock from *Patience* Island: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Seven Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *James Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *T. Greene* Mr. *Thomas Greene*, for supplying Soldiers with Victuals, &c. upon the Alarm at *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That

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That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Four Skillings and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Wickes*  
allowed £ 1  
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AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *Thomas Wickes*, for Bread, Beef, Pork, Wood, &c. supplied the Soldiers at *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Eighteen Skillings and Eightpence Halfpenny* of said Account be and hereby is allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto said *Thomas Wickes*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Low* al-  
lowed 15 s.  
9 d.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly by Mr. *Anthony Low*, for supplying the Soldiers under the Command of Col. *Waterman*, while upon Duty at *Warwick Neck*, with Victuals and Necessaries: Which being duly examined, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifteen Skillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be and hereby is allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto said *Anthony Low*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Holden*  
allowed 5 s.  
7 d.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly by Mrs. *Rose Holden*, for supplying the Soldiers under the Command of Col. *Waterman*, while upon Duty at *Warwick Neck*, with Victuals, &c. Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Five Skillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Rose Holden*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Lippitt* al-  
lowed £ 1  
14 s. 4 d.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly by Mr. *Jeremiah Lippitt*, for victualling, &c. the Soldiers under the Command of Col. *Waterman*, while upon Duty at *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Fourteen Skillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid



paid unto the said *Jeremiah Lippel*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly by *R. Holden* al.  
Mr. *Randel Holden*, for Supplies delivered the Soldiers <sup>lowed £ 6</sup>  
under the Command of Col. *Waterman*, while upon <sup>17 s. 5 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$</sup>   
Duty at *Warwick Neck, &c.* Which being duly examin-  
ed, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby  
is allowed; and that *Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and*  
*Fivepence Halfpenny*, being the Amount thereof, be  
paid unto the said *Randel Holden*, out of the General-  
Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *D. Arnold* al.  
Mr. *David Arnold*, for the Use of his Boat, and his <sup>lowed 15 s.</sup>  
Service in transporting Stock, &c. from *Patience* and  
*Prudence* Islands: Which being duly examined, *It is*  
*Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is al-  
lowed; and that *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being  
the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *David*  
*Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *J. Lippel* al.  
Mr. *John Lippel*, for victualling the Soldiers under <sup>lowed £ 1</sup>  
the Command of Col. *Waterman*, while upon Duty at <sup>41 s. 11 d.</sup>  
*Warwick, &c.* Which being duly examined, *It is*  
*Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Fourteen Shillings*  
*and Elevenpence* thereof be and hereby is allowed;  
and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said  
*John Lippel*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *D. Arnold* al.  
Mr. *David Arnold*, for supplying the Soldiers under <sup>lowed £ 2</sup>  
the Command of Col. *John Waterman* with Victuals <sup>19 s. 8 d.</sup>  
and other Necessaries: Which being duly examined,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby  
is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and*  
*Eightpence* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *Da-*  
*vid Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly  
by Mr. *Nathaniel Martin*, for the Passages of divers  
Persons

*N. Martin* allowed £ 2 14 s. 11 d. Persons to and from *Prudence* and *Bristol*, at the Time of the Attacks upon said Places, and Provisions supplied the Soldiers with: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Martin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Arnold* allowed £ 3 9 d. AN Account being exhibited unto this Assembly by Mr. *William Arnold*, for supplying Capt. *Abial Brown's* Company with Victuals, &c. at the Alarm upon *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds and Ninepence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Greene* allowed 16 s. 3 d. AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *Stephen Greene*, for supplying the Soldiers under the Command of Col. *John Waterman* with Bread, Beef, and Pork: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sixteen Shillings and Threepence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Stephen Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Child* allowed £ 16 7 d. WHEREAS Mr. *John Child* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Supplies delivered for the Use of the Soldiers upon *Prudence* Island: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sixteen Pounds and Sevenpence* Lawful Money thereof be and hereby is allowed; and that the said Sum be paid unto the said *John Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Low* allowed £ 3 18 s. AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *John Low*, for his Time and Expences in removing the Stock from *Hope* Island, and for Victuals supplied the Militia when upon actual Duty: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the

the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Low*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly *J. Borden* allowed *£ 5* by Mr. *Joseph Borden*, for a large Cedar Boat, with Oars and Seine Warp, supplied the Colony : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Five Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Borden*, out of the General-Treasury.

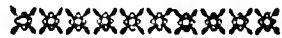
AN Account being presented unto this Assembly *S. Pearce* allowed *£ 9* by Mr. *Samuel Pearce*, for boarding Capt. *Whitman's* Company of Militia, while upon actual Duty : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Nine Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Samuel Pearce*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly *J. Waldron* allowed *£ 1* by Mr. *John Waldron*, for victualing, &c. Capt. *Thomas Allen's* Company of Soldiers : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money of said Account be and the same is hereby allowed ; and that the said Sum be paid unto the said *John Waldron*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly *J. Gladding* allowed *£ 4* by Mr. *John Gladding*, for Freight of Corn and Beef, from *Prudence Island* : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Four Pounds and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Gladding*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *D. Greene* allowed *15 s* Mr. *David Greene*, for the Service of his People, in assisting

assisting the Men from on board the *Washington* Row-Galley to land upon *Jamestown*, &c. Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *David Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.



An A C T for encouraging the fixing out and authorizing armed Vessels to defend the Sea-Coast of *America*, and for erecting a Court to try and condemn all Vessels that shall be found infesting the same.

Act for fixing armed Vessels.

WHEREAS the present Administration of *Great-Britain*, being divested of Justice and Humanity, and being Strangers to that Magnanimity and sacred Regard for Liberty, which inspired their venerable Predecessors, have endeavoured, through a Series of Years, to establish a System of Despotism over the *American* Colonies, and by their venal and corrupt Measures have so extended their wicked Influence over the *British* Parliament, that by a prostituted Majority it is now become a mere political Engine of Slavery : And whereas the military Tools of these our unnatural Enemies, while restrained by the United Forces of the *American* Colonies from proceeding in their sanguinary Career of Devastation and Slaughter, are continually infesting the Sea-Coasts of *America* with armed Vessels, and are daily endeavouring to distress the Inhabitants, by burning their Towns, destroying their Dwellings and Substance, piratically plundering live Stock, and making Captures of Provision and other Vessels, being the Property of the Inhabitants : And whereas his Majesty

Majesty King *Charles* the Second, in and by the Charter of this Colony, among other Things granted, "That it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every Commander, Governor, and military Officers appointed by the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor and Six Assistants, and the major Part of the Freemen of said Colony present at any General Assembly, nominated and appointed according to the Tenor of his and their respective Commissions and Directions, to assemble, exercise in Arms, martial Array, and put in warlike Posture, the Inhabitants of said Colony, for their special Defence and Safety ; and to lead and conduct the said Inhabitants, and to encounter, expulse, expel and resist, by Force of Arms, as well by Sea as by Land, and also to kill, slay and destroy, by all fitting Ways, Enterprizes and Means whatsoever, all and every such Person and Persons, as shall at any Time attempt or enterprize the Destruction, Detriment or Annoyance of the Inhabitants of said Colony ; and to take or surprize, by all Ways and Means whatsoever, all and every such Person and Persons, with their Ship or Ships, Armour, Ammunition, or other Goods of such Persons as shall in hostile Manner invade or attempt the defeating the said Colony or Plantation, or the Hurt of the Inhabitants thereof." And whereas the Continental Congress of *America* have resolved, " That each Colony, at their own Expence, make such Provision, by armed Vessels or otherwise, as their respective Assemblies, Conventions or Committees of Safety, shall judge expedient and suitable to their Circumstances and Situations, for the Protection of their Harbours and Navigation on the Sea-Coasts, against all unlawful Invasions, Attacks and Depredations, from Cutters and Ships of War." And as it is the Duty and Interest of this Colony to exert itself, as well for the Purpose of keeping Supplies from the Enemy, as for those mentioned in the Paragraphs in the Charter, and Resolve afore recited : Therefore, for the more effectually carrying into Execution the aforesaid Purposes,

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*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all armed and other Vessels which shall be brought into this Colony, and have been found making unlawful Invasions, Attacks or Depredations, on the Sea-Coasts or Navigation of any Part of America, or improved in supplying the Fleet and Army which have been, or shall at any Time hereafter be, employed against the United Colonies, or employed by the said Enemy in any Respect whatsoever ; and also all Vessels whose Masters or Supercargoes shall have had Designs of carrying Supplies of any Kind to the Enemy, or that shall be returning from the Enemy, after having carried such Supplies, and shall be convicted thereof as herein provided, such Vessel or Vessels, with their Appurtenances and Cargoes, shall be deemed forfeited, and shall be disposed of as is by this Act herein after directed.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor of this Colony for the Time being, be and they are hereby fully empowered and directed to commission with Letters of Marque and Reprisal, if requested, any Person or Persons within this Colony, who shall, at his or their own Expence, fix out and equip for the Defence of America any Vessel, as also any Person who shall by the Owner of such Vessel be recommended therefor ; and that all such Persons so commissioned as aforesaid shall have full Power, with such other Persons as they shall engage to their Assistance, to sail on the Seas, attack, take and bring into any Port in this Colony, or any other of the United Colonies in America, all Vessels offending or employed by the Enemy as aforesaid ; and also to retake, and bring in as aforesaid, any Vessel or Vessels that may be taken from any Person or Persons by said Enemy. *Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That the Master or Owner of such Vessel shall, at the Time he receives such Commission, enter into Bond, with one sufficient Surety at least, for the faithful Discharge of his Office, and observing the**

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Law of this Colony relating to armed Vessels ; which Bond shall be in the following Form, *to wit* :

*K N O W* all Men by these Presents, That we A. B. and C. D. of ———, &c. are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto J. C. of ———, &c. General-Treasurer of said Colony, in the full and just Sum of Two Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, to be paid unto the said General-Treasurer, or to his Successors in said Office ; to the true Payment whereof we bind ourselves, our respective Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals the ——— Day of ———, A. D. 17

*T H E* Condition of the aforewritten Obligation is such, That whereas the said A. B. hath, on the Day of the Date hereof, received a Commission to command an armed Vessel called the ———, of the Burthen of about ——— Tons, to make Reprisals of all armed and other Vessels, that shall be found supplying the Enemy, or acting counter to a Law of this Colony, intituled, “ An Act for encouraging the fitting out armed Vessels to defend the Sea-Coasts of America, and for erecting a Court to try and condemn all Vessels that shall be found infesting the same.” If therefore the said A. B. do and shall, in and by all Things, well and truly observe and fulfil such Instructions as he shall receive from the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor of this Colony, and shall in all Respects conform himself to the Directions given by the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly, then the aforewritten Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full Force.

*A N D* be it further Enacted, That there shall be erected and constantly held in this Colony a Court of Justice, by and before such able and discreet Person as shall be annually appointed and commissioned by order of this General Assembly for that Purpose, whose Business it shall be, to take Cognizance of, and to try any Capture or Captures of any Vessel or Vessels, that may or shall be taken by any Person or Persons whomsoever, and brought into said Colony, who shall be

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sworn to the faithful Execution of his Office ; and the Judge, so commissioned to hold said Court as aforesaid, shall have Power at all Times to issue his Warrant or Warrants to the Town-Serjeant, Constable or Constables, of any Town or Towns within either of the Counties in this Colony, into which said Captures shall be brought, in which County the Judge aforesaid is hereby directed to hold the Court, to warn a Meeting of the Inhabitants of their said Towns respectively, and to draw out of the Box, in such Manner as is provided by the Laws of this Colony for returning Jurors to serve in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, Twelve good and lawful Men for Jurors ; and the said Town-Serjeant or Constables shall immediately, as soon as may be, give Notice in Writing to such Persons so drawn of the Time and Place which in the said Warrant shall be set for their Appearance, and shall return his said Warrant, with his Doings thereon, and the Names of the Jurors drawn and notified as aforesaid, to the Judge, at or before the Time set therein for the Appearance of said Jurors.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Town-Serjeant or Constable shall neglect or refuse to obey the Warrant of the Judge for returning said Jurors as aforesaid, he shall pay such Fine as the Judge shall order, not exceeding the Sum of *Ten Pounds* Lawful Money ; and if any Jurors so drawn, and having Notice as aforesaid, shall not appear at the Time and Place directed in such Warrant, or shall refuse without reasonable Excuse to serve on such Jury, he shall pay such Fine as the Judge shall order, not exceeding the Sum of *Forty Shillings* Lawful Money ; but before such Fine shall be awarded, the said Judge shall summon such Jurymen to appear before him, to shew forth the Reasons of his Neglect ; and if such Reasons shall not be satisfactory to the said Judge, then he shall issue his Warrant of Distress for such Fine, in Manner as is directed for Recovery of Fines of Jurors who shall neglect or refuse to serve in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas ; which Fines so recovered shall



shall be paid into the General-Treasury of this Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That when any Person or Persons shall take and bring into any Port in this Colony any Vessel or Vessels, that have been offending or employed by the Enemy as aforesaid, such Person or Persons, so taking and bringing in such Vessel or Vessels, shall immediately make out a Bill in Writing, therein giving a full and particular Account of the Time and Manner of the Caption of such Vessel or Vessels, and the Employment the said Vessel or Vessels were in when so taken; and of the Persons who were aiding and assisting in taking the same, and a Schedule of the Cargo or Cargoes on board, to the best of his Knowledge, at the Time of Caption, and shall deliver the same to the said Judge where such Vessel is brought, with all the Papers that may be found on board such Vessel or Vessels, to the Intent that the Jury may have the Benefit of the Evidence therefrom arising. And the Judge, to whom said Bill is delivered, shall immediately issue his Warrant or Warrants as aforesaid to any Town-Serjeant, Constable or Constables, within the County where such Court is to be holden, commanding them, or either of them, in Manner as aforesaid, to return Twelve good and lawful Men to try the Truth of any Facts alledged in such Bill; and if there shall not be enough to compleat a Pannel of Twelve, or if there shall be a legal Challenge to any of them, so that there shall not be a Pannel to try such Cause, then in such Case it shall be lawful for said Judge to order the Sheriff, or other proper Officer attending such Court, to fill up the Jury with other good and lawful Men present, and for Want thereof, to issue forth a Writ of *Venire Facias* to the Sheriff or his Deputy, commanding them to return so many good and lawful Men of said County as shall be wanting to fill up the Pannel; which Jury shall be sworn to return a true Verdict upon said Bill, according to Law and Evidence. And if it shall appear

pear to the said Judge, by said Verdict, that such Vessel or Vessels had been employed or offending as aforesaid, he shall condemn the said Vessel or Vessels, and Cargo or Cargoes, and Appurtenances, and order them to be sold at public Vendue, and shall order the Charge of Trial and Condemnation to be paid out of the Money such Vessel or Vessels, and Cargo or Cargoes, shall sell for, to the Clerk of said Court, to be distributed to the several Officers of said Court to whom the same shall belong, and shall order the Residue thereof to be delivered to the Captors, their Agents or Attornies, for the Use and Benefit of such Captors, and others concerned therein. And if two or more Vessels, the Commanders whereof shall be properly commissioned, shall jointly take such Vessel or Vessels, the Money such Vessel or Vessels, Cargo or Cargoes and Appurtenances, shall sell for, after Payment of Charges as aforesaid, shall be equally divided between the Captors, in Proportion to their Number of Men and Guns. And the said Judge, before whom any such Trial and Condemnation as is aforesaid may be, shall be authorized to make out his Precept, under his Hand and Seal, to the Sheriff or his Deputy within the said County, to sell such Vessel, and Appurtenances and Cargo, and to pay thereout the Charges of Trial and Condemnation, and to pay his own Fees, which shall be *One Half per Cent.* upon the Value of every Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, condemned, provided the Amount thereof do not exceed *One Thousand Pounds*; but where the Value and Sale of any Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, shall exceed *One Thousand Pounds*, then the said Sheriff shall have *One Half per Cent.* for the First *Thousand Pounds*, and *One Quarter per Cent.* for all Sums over, and the Residue and Remainder the said Sheriff shall deliver to the Captors and Persons concerned as aforesaid.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That when any such Bill as aforesaid shall be delivered to such Judge, he shall cause Notification thereof, and the Name (if known)

known) and Description of the Vessel so brought in, with the Day set for the Trial thereon, to be advertised in the *Providence Gazette* and *Newport Mercury*, Fifteen Days before the Time set for the Trial, that the Owner of such Vessel, or any Person concerned, may appear and shew Cause, if any they have, why such Vessel, with her Cargo and Appurtenances, should not be condemned and sold as aforesaid.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Process and Proceeding upon any Vessel that shall be retaken from the Enemy, by any Person or Persons, shall be in the same Manner as is herein provided for other Vessels; and if, by Verdict of the Jury, it shall appear to the Judge that such Vessel was taken by the Enemy, and was retaken by such Person or Persons, before Condemnation by the Enemy thereon had, the said Judge shall order such Vessel, with her Cargo and Appurtenances, to be sold in Manner as aforesaid, and shall order not more than One Third, nor less than One Quarter, of what said Vessel, her Appurtenances and Cargo, shall sell for (after paying Charges of Trial and Sale) to be delivered to the Captors, as is before provided for other Vessels, and the Residue to be delivered to the Owner or Owners of such Vessel. And if such Vessel so retaken shall have been condemned by the Enemy, then the Money she and her Cargo and Appurtenances may sell for, shall be delivered to the Captors, as is above provided for Vessels belonging to said Enemy.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Attorney-General shall be Advocate of said Court, and that the Judge of said Court shall appoint an able Clerk; who shall keep a true and fair Record of all the Proceedings of said Court, and shall be duly sworn to act in said Office with Truth and Fidelity, and his Attestation shall be received as Evidence in all Courts of Law.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Judge shall have for the Condemnation  
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of every Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, by him condemned, *Six Pounds* Lawful Money, and other Fees as stated by the Table regulating the Fees of the Court of Admiralty in this Colony: *Provided further*, That if agreeable to this Act the said Judge shall hold his Court out of the County where he shall reside, his Expences necessarily accruing on that Account shall be allowed.

*AND be it further Enacted*. That the Fees of the Advocate, Clerk and the Sheriff, not before specified in this Act, shall be the same as have been heretofore allowed by Law to the Advocate, the Register and Marshal, of the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Colony; that the Jurors be allowed *Six Shillings per Day* each for their Attendance upon said Court; and that the Town-Serjeants, Constables, and other Officers of said Court, be allowed the same Fees as are by Law allowed to such Officers in similar Cases.



*W Bradford*  
allowed £ 11  
13s.

WHEREAS *William Bradford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in laying out Lines for erecting Fortifications, and for Medicines by him administered to sick Soldiers: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eleven Pounds Thirteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E Spalding's*  
Resignation  
of his Com-  
mand of the  
Artillery  
Company.

WHEREAS Major *Edward Spalding*, Captain of the Artillery Company in the Colony's Brigade, prayed Leave to resign his Commission as Captain as aforesaid, for certain Reasons mentioned in his Petition presented to this Assembly: And the same being duly enquired into, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the said *Edward Spalding's* Resignation of his said Commission be and hereby is accepted; and as it appears the said *Edward Spalding* hath behaved and conducted himself well,

well, and as a good Officer, he is hereby dismissed with Honor.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Josias Lyndon*, *J. Lyndon* al-  
Esq; be and he is hereby allowed the Sum of *Ten* <sup>lowed £ 10.</sup>  
*Pounds* Lawful Money, to be paid out of the General-Treasury, for Paper which he hath expended as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, for about Forty-six Years past, during which Time he hath sustained said Office.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Lippit*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, *J. Lippit* al-  
for supplying *Thomas Allen*, of the Island of *Prudence*, <sup>lowed £ 2</sup>  
in the Township of *Portsmouth*, with Fire-Wood, and <sup>10 s. 5 d.</sup>  
other Necessaries: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Ten Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Lippit*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Henry Marchant*, *Thomas Greene*, and *H. Marchant*,  
*William Ellery*, Esquires, laid before this Assembly *T. Greene*,  
an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for <sup>and W. Ellery,</sup>  
their Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in waiting (as <sup>allowed</sup>  
a Committee) upon his Excellency General *Washington*: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is* <sup>£ 9, 6 s.</sup>  
*Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nine Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *Henry Marchant*, *Thomas Greene*, and *William Ellery*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Lippit* exhibited unto this *J. Lippit* al-  
Assembly an Account, by him charged for supplying <sup>lowed £ 1</sup>  
*John M'Neave* and Family, Paupers of the Town of <sup>18 s.</sup>  
*Newport*, with Necessaries: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Lippit*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

*E. Burr* allowed £ 4  
4 s.

WHEREAS *Mr. Ezekiel Burr* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for citing a Number of Witnesses, by Order of his Honor the Governor, and for warning the Members of the General Assembly to meet at *East-Greenwich*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

An empowering Non-Residents to vote for Officers.

WHEREAS many of the Freemen of sundry Towns in this Colony have, to avoid the cruel Insults and Dangers threatened by the arbitrary Tools of ministerial Vengeance, been obliged to remove themselves and Families to other Towns, in this and the neighbouring Colonies, for Safety: And as the said Freemen cannot by such Removal be justly deemed incapable of giving their Voices and Votes in the Election of General and Town-Officers in such Towns to which they respectively belonged:

To prevent any Dispute arising in this Matter, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Absentees on the Account aforesaid, from any Town in this Colony, who were and are Freeholders and Freemen, to repair to the respective Towns from whence they removed, upon the Days by Law appointed for the Choice of the respective Officers aforesaid, and exercise and enjoy every Right and Privilege in their Election, as fully and amply as though they resided in their respective Towns.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Act continue in Force until the Causes which occasioned the Necessity thereof be removed; and that the same be published in the *Providence Gazette*, and *Newport Mercury*, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.

*A. Holden* allowed 5 s.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *Mr. Anthony Holden*, for boarding two poor Prisoners: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
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That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Anthony Holden*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Elliot* presented unto this *R. Elliot* al-  
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the <sup>lowed £ 2</sup>  
Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expence, in go- <sup>8 s. 4 d.</sup>  
ing to *Stonington*, by Appointment from this Assembly:  
Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*  
*and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed;  
and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight*  
*Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto  
the said *Robert Elliot*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Earle* be Officers cho-  
appointed Lieutenant, and *Cooke Wilcox* Ensign, of sen-  
the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Port-*  
*mouth*, and they are hereby appointed accordingly.

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* presented unto this *C. Child* al-  
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the <sup>lowed £ 98</sup>  
Colony, for Timber and Materials furnished, and <sup>9 s. 1 d. 1/4</sup>  
Labour done, in and about the Row Gallies *Spitfire*  
and *Washington*, in repairing them: Which said Ac-  
count being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
That *Ninety-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and One Penny*  
*Farthing* Lawful Money of said Account be and  
hereby is allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be  
paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-  
Treasury.

An Account being presented unto this Assembly *W. Arnold*  
by Mr. *William Arnold*, for supplying Capt. *Gor-* allowed 6 s.  
*ten's* Company of Soldiers with Victuals: Which be-  
ing duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the  
same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Shillings*  
Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid  
unto the said *William Arnold*, out of the General-Trea-  
sury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Watson* presented unto this *J. Watson* al-  
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the <sup>lowed £ 30</sup>  
Colony, <sup>19 s. 7 d.</sup>  
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Colony, for his Services, &c. done upon *Jamestown*, in removing the Hay, Stock, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sevenpence* thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the aforesaid Sum be paid unto the said *Job Watson*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Arnold*  
allowed 16 s.  
6 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *William Arnold*, for Twenty-two Meals of Viſtuals ſupplied Capt. *Michael Spencer's* Company of Minute-Men : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the ſame be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the ſaid *William Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Niles* al-  
lowed £ 3  
17 s. 11 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *Silas Niles*, for ſupplying the Militia and others who went for the Defence of *Point-Judith*, when Capt. *Wallace's* People landed there : Which ſaid Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Elevenpence* thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Sum aforeſaid be paid unto ſaid *Silas Niles*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Dorrance*  
allowed £ 1  
4 s.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *John Dorrance*, for his Horſe-hire, Time and Expence, in attending before his Honor the Governor and Council : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Four Shillings* thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the aforeſaid Sum be paid unto the ſaid *John Dorrance*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Allen* al-  
lowed £ 2  
8 s.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *John Allen*, for freighting Stock from *Patience*, and carrying Paſſengers to and from ſaid Iſland : Which ſaid Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Sum aforeſaid be paid unto the ſaid *John Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

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AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *A. Anthony* *Abraham Anthony*, for supplying the Militia under the Command of Col. *Waterman*, at the Alarm at *Warwick Neck*, with Victuals, &c. Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Nine Shillings and Fourpence* thereof be and the same is hereby allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Abraham Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury. allowed £ 3 9 s. 4 d.

Mr. *Thomas Stafford* having presented unto this Assembly on Account, by him charged against the Colony, for supplying the Soldiers upon *Warwick Neck* with Bread and Beef: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ten Shillings and Tenpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Stafford*, out of the General-Treasury. T. Stafford allowed 10 s. 10 d.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly by Mr. *Benjamin Gorton*, for going Express to his Honor the Governor twice during the Time of the Alarm upon *Warwick Neck*, and Supplies delivered the Soldiers at said Time: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nine Pounds Two Shillings and Fivepence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Gorton*, out of the General-Treasury. B. Gorton allowed £ 9 2 s. 5 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for removing the Stock from *Prudence Island*, and for divers Bills, by him paid to People employed in that Service, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fourpence One Farthing* Lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be allowed: and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury. C. Child allowed £ 34 11 s. 4 d. 1/4

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Martin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, N. Martin allowed £ 23 2 s.

Colony, for Freight of Hay, Sheep, Grain, &c. from *Prudence Island* : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-three Pounds and Twopence* thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Nataniel Martin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Gardner*  
to victual  
the Troops  
at *Adquensit*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Company of Soldiers that now is or hereafter may be stationed in the House of *Job Gardner*, at *Adquensit*, be provided for by said *Gardner*, under the Direction of *Natban Miller*, Commissary for the Colony of *Rhode-Island* ; and that he be accountable to said *Miller* for his Conduct therein.

*J. Wanton*  
allowed £ 15.

WHEREAS an Account was presented unto this Assembly, as estimated by Mr. *Robert Morey*, of the Damage done to a Two-Mast Boat belonging to Col. *Joseph Wanton*, during the Time said Boat was employed in the Colony's Service : And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sixteen Pounds* Lawful Money thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Joseph Wanton*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee  
appointed to  
affix the Price  
of Carting in  
*Newport*.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at their Session held in *October* last, appointed a Committee to affix the Price of Carting upon *Rhode-Island*, &c. Which said Committee not having proceeded on said Business, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That that Part of said Act appointing said Committee be and hereby is repealed : That *Thomas Freebody*, *Christopher Lippett* and *John Barker*, Esquires, be and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee to affix the Price of Carting immediately ; and that all other Parts and Clauses of said Act remain in full Force and Virtue.

*G. B. Allen*  
allowed £ 5  
6s 9d.

WHEREAS Mr. *George B. Allen* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for victualling and boarding three Companies of Soldiers, and others, upon *Prudence Island* : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,

*solved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Five Pounds Six Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *George B. Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *B. Bosworth* Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth*, for Supplies delivered out to the People who came to *Bristol* upon the Alarm there, and for Oxen and a Horse to draw a Field Piece ; Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Bosworth*, out of the General-Treasury.

*allowed £ 2  
16 s. 4 d.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Jonathan Arnold*, *Joseph Anthony* and *Henry Ward*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draw up Instructions for the future Conduct of Col. *Henry Babcock* ; and that they lay the same before this Assembly as soon as may be.

*Committee to draw Instructions for Col. Babcock's Conduct.*

WHEREAS this Assembly have received Information, that a Committee appointed by the Hon. the General Court of the Colony of the *Massachusetts Bay* have signified, that the said Colony, considering that the erecting suitable Fortifications at *Bristol Ferry* will be very advantageous to the Inhabitants of that Colony, are willing to join with this Colony in the same : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; and *Simeon Potter*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with the said General Court upon that Subject, and also respecting fortifying *Howland's Ferry*, and to agree with the said Court on the Part of this Colony for the erecting such Fortifications at those Places as shall appear necessary ; and that they be empowered, in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed by said General Court, to take the necessary Measures for erecting the same as soon as may be.

*Committee for fortifying Bristol Ferry. &c.*

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WHEREAS

*N. Cooke* allowed  $\text{£ } 23$  4  $\frac{1}{2}$  WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by them stated, for the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke, Esq;* fitting out and dispatching two Vessels, to purchase warlike Stores, &c. for the Use of the Colony, in the following Manner, *to wit* :

Dr. The Hon. *Nicholas Cooke, Esq;* to the Colony of *Rhode-Island,*

1776.

Febr.	To the Amount of Cash you received of <i>John Jenckes,</i>	}	$\text{£ } 42$ 0 0
	Balance due to <i>Nicholas Cooke,</i>		
			$\text{£ } 65$ 4 $0\frac{1}{2}$

1776.

Supra.

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Febr.	By Amount of your Account against Sloop <i>Diamond,</i>	}	$\text{£ } 35$ 8 10
	By Amount of your Account against Sloop <i>Sally,</i>		
			$\text{£ } 65$ 4 $0\frac{1}{2}$

*East-Greenwich, February 28, 1776.* Then settled and adjusted the above Account by Order of the Hon. General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

WHEREUPON the said Premises being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Report aforesaid be and hereby is accepted; and that *Twenty-three Pounds Four Shillings and an Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid unto the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Child* to draw  $\text{£ } 30$  for Gun-Carriages.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. Cromel Child* be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money,

Money, towards paying for Gun-Carriages by him making for the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Potter*, Esq; *J. Potter* to be and he is hereby appointed to procure Carriages for three Cannon now at *South-Kingstown*, and that the Wheels be shod with Iron. procure Carriages for 3 Cannon.

WHEREAS *Mr. William Barton*, Captain-Lieutenant of Col. *Richmond's* Company in the Colony's Brigade, begged Leave to resign his Command as aforesaid, and sent his Commission to his Honor the Governor: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Barton* be and he is hereby permitted to resign his Command as aforesaid; that this Assembly being convinced that Capt. *Barton* hath behaved well, and as a good Officer, he is hereby discharged with Honor. *W. Barton's* Resignation.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. George Sears* *G. Sears* to be and he is hereby appointed to supply Capt. *Wallace* with Beef, &c. agreeable to the last Act of this Assembly, made for the Purpose aforesaid, any Law or Act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. supply Capt. Wallace with Beef, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathan Miller*, Esq; *N. Miller* to be and he is hereby ordered to settle his Account with the Colony as Commissary, and that the Report upon the same be made to the next Assembly. settle his Account with the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Vessels which were hired in the County of *Newport*, to proceed on a Voyage in order to procure Salt for the Colony, be and they are hereby discharged: That the Committee who were appointed by this Assembly to fit them out pay the Hire of said Vessels, and discharge all the Persons belonging thereto; and that said Committee pay off all the Mariners who have not received their Month's Pay, and deliver the Cargoes of said Vessels to the Commissary at Head Quarters on *Rhode-Island*. Vessels hired to procure Salt, discharged.

WHEREAS

Deputy-Governor to enquire of *W. Drown* whether he serves.

WHEREAS this Assembly appointed Mr. *William Drown* Lieutenant of Capt. *Loring Peck's* Company, who hath not yet joined the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be and he is hereby appointed to enquire of the said *William Drown* whether he resigns his Commission or not, and in case of a Resignation, empowered to fill up the Vacancy; and that his Honor the Governor grant a Commission accordingly \*.

Report of the Committee appointed to station Troops

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the State of this Colony, and the Measures necessary for the Defence thereof, and to consider in what Places it will be best to station the Troops now in the Service of the Colony, made the following Report to this Assembly.

We the Subscribers, being appointed as a Committee to take into Consideration the State of this Colony, and the Measures necessary for the Defence thereof, and to consider at what Places it will be best to station the Troops now in the Service of the Colony, and, in Conjunction with the Commander in Chief of the Colony's Brigade, cause Fortifications to be erected on *Rhode-Island* and at *Bristol*, sufficient to command and keep open a Communication at *Bristol Ferry*, as soon as possible: having taken into Consideration the above Matters, do advise, that One Company be placed at *Point-Juditb*; One Company at *Boston Neck*, between *Narrow-River* and the South Ferry; One Company at *Quanset Point*, in *North-Kingstown*; One Company at *Pojack Point*, in *North Kingstown*, and *Potowomut Neck*, in *Warwick*; One Company at *Warwick Neck*; Half a Company at *Pawtuxet*, in *Cranston*; One Company at *Barrington*; Two Companies at *Bristol*; One Company at *Bristol Ferry*, on *Rhode-Island Side*; and

\* His Honor the Deputy Governor afterwards informed the General Assembly that the said *William Drown* refused to accept of his Appointment, and that he had appointed *William Lawless* in the Place of said *Drown*.

and One Third of said Company on *Tiverton* Side ; One Company in *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, near *Fogland Ferry* ; Four Companies and an Half on the Island of *Jamestown*, and the Remainder of the Troops, being Seven Companies, together also with the Artillery Company, at Head-Quarters on *Rhode-Island*. The above Arrangement and Disposition subject to temporary Removals and Alterations by the Commanding Officer of said Forces, as urgent Occasions may require. And we do recommend to said Commanding Officer, that he shift the Companies from one Quarter to another, so that all the Companies may at certain Times be at Head-Quarters on *Rhode-Island*, that he may thereby have a proper Inspection into the State of each Company, at the same Time avoiding as much as may be the Stationing of any Company where they were principally raised ; and we also advise that *Bristol Ferry* be fortified, by erecting such Works as the Commanding Officer shall think proper, upon those Places upon *Rhode-Island* Side, and on that Place upon *Bristol* Side advised to by Col. *Putnam* ; and we refer the Commanding Officer to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, who was with Col. *Putnam* when he viewed the Ground, for the particular Spots of Ground ; and we further advise the same to be executed as soon as may be, and in the best Manner he is able, with the Forces that he can spare for that Service.

We do also recommend to the said Commanding Officer to erect a Battery or Fort upon *Tonomy Hill*, on *Rhode Island*, as soon as may be, and according to his best Skill and Judgment.

WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
JOHN MATHEWSON,  
HENRY MARCHANT,  
WILLIAM ELLERY,  
GIDEON MUMFORD,

WHICH said Report being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is  
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accepted ; and that the Forces be stationed agreeable thereto, with the following Alterations, that is to say, that the Company ordered to be stationed in *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, near *Fogland Ferry*, be stationed in the said Towns in such Divisions and Places as Col. *Thomas Church* and Lieutenant-Colonel *John Cooke* shall think proper ; that the Company ordered to be stationed at *Quanset*, be stationed at *Wickford* ; that the Company stationed at the South Ferry, in *South-Kingstown*, be so distributed as to guard as far as the North End of *Boston Neck* ; and that Capt. *Jab Pierce's* Company's Station be in *Bristol*, any thing in the foregoing Report contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

*J. Mathewson* to make Application to Gen. *Washington* for 40 Cannon.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *John Mathewson* be and he is hereby appointed to wait upon his Excellency General *Washington*, or in his Absence upon the Commander in Chief at Head-Quarters in *Cambridge*, and make Application for Forty Pieces of Cannon, from Nine to Twenty-four Pounders (if so many can be procured) for the Protection and Defence of this Colony ; that he procure the same to be brought into the Colony immediately, to be under the Direction of his Honor the Governor ; and that the said Col. *Mathewson* be and he is hereby empowered to draw Money out of the General-Treasury, to pay for the Expences in bringing the same : *And it is further Voted and Resolved* ; That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to the Commander in Chief aforesaid upon the Subject.

*S. Casey* and *P. Benamy's* Petition granted.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Silas Casey* and *Peter Benamy* preferred their Petition to this Assembly, representing that they have a Sloop with a large Quantity of Oil and Gurry at *Gaspee*, in the Province of *Canada* ; and besought this Assembly that they would grant a Permit for said Sloop to come into the Colony with said Oil and Gurry, and return back to said *Gaspee*, with a Load of empty Oil-Casks, and with Provisions only sufficient for the Hands on board said Sloop : Which being

duly



duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and hereby is granted.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty* £20,000 <sup>to</sup> *Thousand Pounds* be immediately struck off, in Bills of <sup>be emitted.</sup> the same Form and Tenor with those ordered to be emitted by this Assembly, at their Session holden in *January* last past: That they be signed and lodged in the General-Treasury by the following Persons, viz. Messieurs *John G. Wanton, John Dexter, John Cole, Joseph Clarke, Welcome Arnold, Thomas Greene, James Congdon, the Third, and William Ellery*; Three of whom shall sign all Bills of *Five Shillings* and upwards, and Two all Bills under *Five Shillings*; and that the Bills be of the following Denominations, *to wit* :

1600	Bills of <i>Sixty Shillings</i> each,	£ 4,800
2000	of <i>Forty Shillings</i> ,	4,000
3000	of <i>Thirty Shillings</i> ,	4,500
3000	of <i>Twenty Shillings</i> ,	3,000
3000	of <i>Ten Shillings</i> ,	1,500
3000	of <i>Five Shillings</i> ,	750
3000	of <i>Four Shillings</i> ,	600
3000	of <i>Three Shillings</i> ,	450
2100	of <i>Two Shillings</i> ,	210
2000	of <i>One Shilling</i> ,	100
2400	of <i>Ninepence</i> ,	90
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28100		£ 20,000

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Lawful Money Bills be and they are hereby made a Lawful Tender for paying and discharging all Debts and Demands whatsoever; and that said Bills be redeemed within Six Years from the Date thereof.

*It is also further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury *One Quarter per Cent.* for their Trouble; that they procure Paper for the same at the Charge of the Colony; that Mr. *John Carter* be employed to print  
said

said Bills at *One Shilling and Fourpence* for every Hundred Bills so printed; and that Mr. *Davia Wilkinson* be and he is hereby appointed to superintend the Press.

Soldiers to make good the Damage they shall do to the Houses where they are quartered.

WHEREAS in our present Troubles the Government is frequently necessitated to quarter Troops in private Houses, whereby Waste and Destruction is often made, and it is often uncertain who are the Perpetrators of the Mischiefs that have ensued; and great Loss has arisen to the Government, from the Uncertainty of knowing who were the Authors of the Depredations that have been made: For Remedy whereof for the future, *Be it Enacted*, That when any Number of Men, more or less, in any particular House, where the Troops shall be quartered or billeted, and any Waste or Loss shall ensue by Means of said Troops, if it is uncertain which of the Individuals did the Mischief, that the Principal in Command of them shall be liable for Payment of the Damage sustained by said Householder, and a Dividend be made amongst the Corps, in Proportion to their Pay, and the same be stopped from their proportional Part of their Pay. *Provided also*, That said Householder prefer an Account of his Loss, within two Days, under Oath, to such Commanding Officer, from the Time of leaving such House, and that hereafter no Account of this Kind be preferred to the General Assembly, and that no future Allowances shall be made out of the public Treasury, any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding; and that a Copy of this Act be inserted in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers, and a Copy immediately be sent to Head-Quarters.

J. Potter allowed £ 26 19 14 1/2

WHEREAS *John Potter*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account of the Deductions, which were made in an Account heretofore exhibited to this Assembly, charged against the Colony: Which being duly examined, it appears, that the Deductions aforesaid were made by Mistake: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and*

and One Penny Three Farthings, being the Amount of the said Deductions heretofore made, be and hereby is allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *John Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to settle and *M. Bowler's* adjust the Accounts of *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; one of Accountants of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly <sup>joined.</sup> the Accounts of the said *Metcalf Bowler*, together also with the following State thereof, as by them settled the Ninth of February, 1776.

*Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; his Account Current with the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1776.

Jan. 16. To Cash received of the	}	£ 5080 0 0
General-Treasurer, as per his Certificate,		
To sundry Overcalls and	}	2 1 0
Overcharges,		
		£ 5082 1 0

Supra.

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1776.

Jan. 16. By Amount of your Account,	}	£ 3269 14 3½
By Amount of Commissions on £ 3269 14 3, at 1½ per Cent.		
		£ 3318 15 0½
Balance due to the Colony,		1763 6 0
		£ 5082 1 0½

Providence, Feb. 9, 1776. Errors excepted,  
Per METCALF BOWLER.

Providence, Feb. 9, 1776. This Day settled and adjusted this Account to January 16, 1776.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD.

THOMAS GREENE,

GIDEON MUMFORD.

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AND

And the said Premises being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby is accepted.

*M. Bowler's*  
Account ad-  
justed.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to settle and adjust the Accounts of *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly the Accounts of the said *Metcalf Bowler*, together with the following State thereof, *to wit* :

*Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety,  
to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1776.

March 22. To Balance due to the Co- lony last Settlement, February 9, 1776,	}	£ 1763 6 0
To Amount of Cash you received of the General- Treasurer, per Certifi- cate, since last Settle- ment,		
	}	2000 0 0
To Amount of sundry small Errors in casting, and some Overcharges in Bills,		
	}	4 6 9
		£ 3767 12 9
		Cr.

Supra.

1776.

March 22. By Amount of his Account,	}	£ 3099 14 8½
By Amount of your Com- missions on £3099 14 8½		
Deduct,	}	4 6 9
	}	£ 3095 7 11½
at 1 per Cent.		
		30 19 0½
		£ 3130 13 9
Balance due to the Colony,		636 19 0

East-Greenwich, March 22, 1776. Errors excepted,  
Per METCALF BOWLER.  
Ensi-

*East-Greenwich, March 22, 1776.* This Day settled and adjusted the within Account up to this Day.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to settle and adjust the Accounts of the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly the Accounts of the said *William Bradford*, together with the following State thereof, *to wit* :

The Honorable *William Bradford* to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1776.

March. To Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, as per the above Account of Credit,	}	£ 1800 0 0
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Cr.

1776.

March. By Amount of your Account as above,	}	£ 1497 11 6
By Commissions on £480, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.	}	7 4 0
By Commissions on £1017 11 s. at 1 per Cent.	}	10 3 4

Balance due to the Colony,

£ 1514 18 10
285 1 2
£ 1800 0 0

*East-Greenwich, March 24, 1776.* This Day adjusted the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

WHEREUPON

WHEREUPON the said Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Report aforesaid be and hereby is accepted.

Committee  
for station-  
ing the Co-  
lony's  
Troops, al-  
lowed £11  
78 s.

WHEREAS the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; *John Mathewson*, *Henry Marchant*, *William Ellery*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Time, Expence and Horse-hire, in stationing the Colony's Troops: And the said Account being duly examined, *it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eleven Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Bradford*, *John Mathewson*, *Henry Marchant*, *William Ellery*, and *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

*T. Greene* al-  
lowed £ 11  
9 s. 3 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *Thomas Greene*, Esq; for his Time, Expence, Horse-hire, &c. in attending to settle divers Accounts by Order of this Assembly: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eleven Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Mumford*  
allowed £ 10  
15 s. 6 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford*, for his Time and Expences in settling divers Accounts by Order of this Assembly: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Mumford*  
allowed £ 10  
2 s. 9 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *Mr. Gideon Mumford*, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expence, in settling divers Accounts by Order of this Assembly: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted*

*Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Ten Pounds Two Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; exhibited unto this *H. Rice* Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for serving divers Warrants, issued by his Honor the Governor, warning the Members of Assembly, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Col. *Thomas Church* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Hay-Screws, Boxes, and Iron-Work, burnt and destroyed by *Wallace*, upon *Prudence Island* : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money thereof be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Thomas Church*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to adjust the Accounts of *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, with the Colony, laid before this Assembly the Accounts of the said *Joseph Stanton*, jun. together with the following State thereof, to wit :

*Joseph Stanton*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1776.  
March. To Amount of Balance of  
your Account on last Settlement due to the Colony, } £ 140 5 1  
To Cash you received of the  
General-Treasurer, per Certificate since last Settlement, } 1899 4 0  
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March, 1776.

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East-Greenwich, March 22, 1776. Errors excepted,  
Per JOSEPH STANTON, jun.

East-Greenwich, March 22, 1776. This Day settled  
this Account as above.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

WHEREUPON the Premises being duly considered,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Report aforesaid be  
and hereby is accepted.

Old Tenor  
Bills to be  
exchanged.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Old Tenor  
Bills of Credit, *to wit*: One Eight Pound Bill, One  
Twenty Shilling Bill, and One Three Shilling Bill, pre-  
sented to this Assembly by Mr. Benjamin Peckham, be  
exchanged by the General-Treasurer, for their Value  
in Lawful Money Bills.

T. Spencer  
allowed 6 s.  
6 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by  
Mr. Thomas Spencer, for washing and sanding the  
Court-



Court-House at *Kent*, and for Candles, &c. for the Use of this Assembly: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Shillings and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *D. Wilkinfon* Mr *David Wilkinfon*, for his Attendance upon and superintending Mr. *Carter's* Printing Office, while the Lawful Money Bills were striking off: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *David Wilkinfon*, out of the General-Treasury. *D. Wilkinfon*  
allowed £ 4  
10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Jenckes* preferred to this Assembly his Petition, setting forth, that he had at *Surinam* Seventy-one Hogheads of Tobacco, and Ten Thousand Guilders in protested Bills of Exchange, and prayed Leave of this Assembly that he might have Liberty to send a Vessel to *Surinam*, in order to get his Property, and to bring in Return therefor military Stores: Which said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted: That the Vessel be fitted out under the Inspection of his Honor the Governor, agreeable to the Custom heretofore observed; and that the Petitioner lay out the neat Proceeds of the Cargo he shall send out in warlike Stores, and give Bond as usual. *J. Jenckes's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS the Town of *South-Kingstown* hath been supplied with the Number of Field-Pieces allotted them by this Assembly: Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One of the Field-Pieces formerly voted by this Assembly for said Town of *South-Kingstown*, be and it is hereby ordered to be sent to and for the Use of the Town of *North-Kingstown*. Field Piece  
ordered to  
*North-King-*  
*stown*.

Gunpowder  
ordered to  
*Bristol, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Five Hundred Pounds Weight of Gunpowder be delivered out for the County of *Bristol*, in the following Proportion, *to wit*: Two Hundred Weight for the Town of *Bristol*, One Hundred and Fifty Weight for the Town of *Warren*, and One Hundred and Fifty Weight for the Town of *Barrington*: That Two Hundred Pounds Weight be also delivered out for the Town of *Cranston*: That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town receive said Powder to and for the Use of such Town; and that they be accountable for the same to the Colony.

Gunpowder  
ordered to  
*Portsmouth,*  
*&c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Commanding Officer in Chief of the Colony's Brigade upon *Rhode-Island* be and he is hereby ordered to deliver One Hundred Pounds Weight of Gunpowder to each of the Towns of *Portsmouth*, *Fiverton* and *Little-Compton*, and that the respective Town-Treasurer of each of said Towns receive the same, and be accountable therefor to the Colony.

Gunpowder  
to be distri-  
buted to  
*Westerly, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the remaining Ton of Gunpowder which the Colony purchased of Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale*, now at *Providence*, (after the Two Tons shall be sent to *Newport*) be and it is hereby ordered to be distributed in the following Towns, *to wit*: Three Hundred Weight in each of the Towns of *Westerly*, *Charlestown*, *South-Kingstown*, *North Kingstown*, *East-Greenwich* and *Warwick*, and One Hundred and Fifty Weight to *Hopkinton*, to replace the Powder which said Towns lent to *Westerly*, and was sent upon *Block-Island*, and the remaining Fifty Pounds Weight to *Richmond*: That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town take Care of the same; and that the said Powder be distributed in the several Towns according to the Direction of the Town-Meetings.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved,* That the several Town-Treasurers who shall receive the Powder afore-said,

said, account therefor to this Assembly when called upon; and that each Town aforesaid be and they are hereby ordered to send to *Providence* a suitable Person to receive their respective Proportion of Powder as aforesaid, and lodge the same in each of their Town-Treasuries as soon as may be.

*It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby directed to procure a sufficient Quantity of Shot for the Field-Pieces in the several Towns in this Colony, and also Lead and Flints necessary for the Use of the said Towns.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That when any of the Continental Troops shall march through this Colony, that the Committee of Safety in the several Counties, upon receiving Information thereof from his Honor the Governor, be and they are hereby ordered to provide such Troops with all Necessaries, during the Time they shall continue within this Colony.

Committee of Safety to supply Continental Troops, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Session of this Assembly, to be holden the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, for the General Election of Officers in and throughout this Colony, be and it is hereby ordered to be holden at *Providence*.

General-Election to be holden at *Providence* in *May*, 1776.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to draw up a Set of Instructions and Rules for *Henry Babcock*, Esq; Commander of the Colony's Brigade, to observe and follow, presented the following to this Assembly, it is ordered:

Report of the Committee for Col. *Babcock's* Conduct.

WHEREAS this General Assembly having taken into Consideration the Conduct of Col. *Henry Babcock*, Commander of the Brigade formed by this Assembly at their Session holden in *January* last, and heard divers Witnesses respecting the same; and upon full Enquiry and Consideration thought proper to continue the said *Henry Babcock* in his Command: Yet nevertheless, from the Evidence before this Assembly, it

T i t t appearing

appearing to be highly expedient for restoring Peace to the Brigade, and for the public Good, to give the said *Henry Babcock* some Instructions and Directions for his Government: *It is therefore Resolved*, That the following Instructions and Directions be given to the said *Henry Babcock*, which he is hereby required to observe.

FIRST, That he do not undertake any Expedition, or other Matter of Importance, without the Advice and Concurrence of the major Part of the Field Officers of the said Brigade upon *Rhode-Island*, while the Head-Quarters are fixed upon that Island; and in other Cases such Field Officers as can conveniently be summoned.

SECOND, That he do not send any Flag of Truce to the Enemy, or Expresses out of the Colony, without Advice and Concurrence as aforesaid.

THIRD, That he quarter the Troops upon *Rhode-Island*, with the same Advice and Concurrence.

FOURTH, That he do not impress any Horses or Teams, but in Cases of real Necessity for the Service.

FIFTH, That he do continue with the Troops at Head-Quarters, as constantly as the Nature of the Service will permit.

SIXTH, That in the Command of the said Brigade, and in his Conduct towards the Officers and Soldiers thereof, he conform himself strictly to the Regulations and Articles established by this General Assembly for the Government of said Brigade.

WE, being a Committee to prepare Instructions to be given *Henry Babcock*, Esq; Commander of the Colony Brigade, present the above.

JONATHAN ARNOLD,  
JOSEPH ANTHONY,  
HENRY WARD.

WHEREUPON

WHEREUPON this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, and duly examining the same, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That the above Report be and hereby is accepted; and that the aforelaid Instructions and Directions be and they are hereby ordered and directed to be observed by Col. *Henry Babcock*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Captain-Lieutenants in the Colony Brigade, under the Command of Col. *Babcock*, have and they hereby have the Rank and Title of Captains, it having been the Intention of this Assembly to give them the same heretofore: That they receive Commissions and Rank as Captains from the Time they received their Commissions as Captain-Lieutenants; and that the Office of Captain-Lieutenants in said Brigade cease.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Major *John Cooke* be and he is hereby appointed to sell at public Vendue all such Effects as lately belonged to Mr. *George Rome*, now at Head-Quarters, excepting only such as are necessary for the Barracks.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; be and he is hereby added to the Committee appointed to lease out the Farm late belonging to Mr. *George Rome*, in *North Kingstown*: That the Stock thereon, which did belong to said *Rome*, be also let out with said Farm; and that Mr. *Stephen Boyer*, the present Tenant, be removed off therefrom.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commander in Chief of the Colony's Brigade, upon *Rhode-Island*, be and he is hereby directed to appoint a careful discreet Person as a Boat-Master, to have the Care of and collect all the Boats and Oars which are in the Colony's Service: That all the said Boats which are unfit for Service be immediately repaired, and rendered useful: That said Boats and Oars be and they are hereby ordered to be marked with the Colony Arms, and their Number returned to the said Commander in Chief:

That

That said Boat-Master be and he is hereby directed to make a weekly Return of the State of the Boats and Oars, with their several Stations, to the Brigade-Major. *And it is further Voted and Resolved, That he be and hereby is recommended to the said Commander in Chief, and Commissary of the Forces, to furnish the said Boat-Master with all necessary Assistance, in collecting and repairing said Boats and Oars: That the Return of the Number of each be made to Messieurs Thomas Freebody, John Smith, John Cook, John Northup, Stephen Mumford and Cromel Child: That they furnish said Boats with Oars (if wanted) so as to have Sixty Boats compleat with Oars; and that said Boats and Oars be sent to said Commander in Chief as soon as may be.*

Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, for the Colony's Brigade, now stationed upon *Rhode-Island*.

*Robert Elhott*, Captain of the Train of Artillery, in the Room of *Mr. Spalding*, who hath resigned.

*John Larcher, jun.* Lieutenant Fire-Worker of said Train.

*Abimelech Riggs*, Captain of the Colonel's Company, in the First Regiment, in the Room of *Capt. Barton*, resigned.

*Squire Fisk*, Lieutenant, and

*Richard Marvin*, Ensign of the same Company.

*John Foster, Esq;* Judge of the Court erected for Trial of Maritime Causes.

Committee to act during the Recess of the Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved.* That his Honor the Governor, the Deputy-Governor, and Members of the General-Council, the major Part of whom to be a Quorum, together with such of the Deputies belonging to the respective Towns in this Colony as may attend, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to act and transact such Business as the Exigency of public Affairs during the Recess of the General Assembly may require, and to advise his Honor therein:  
and

and that all Orders by them made and issued, and all other their Transactions, be laid before the next Session of the General Assembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Executions, for Executions the staying of which Petitions are pending before this where Petitions are pending stayed. Assembly, be and the same are hereby stayed until such Petitions be heard.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of each County in the Colony, by them to be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks in the County; and that this Assembly be adjourned to the last Tuesday in *April* next, at *Providence*, if called, but if not called before nor at said Time, then to be dissolved.

G O D save the K I N G.

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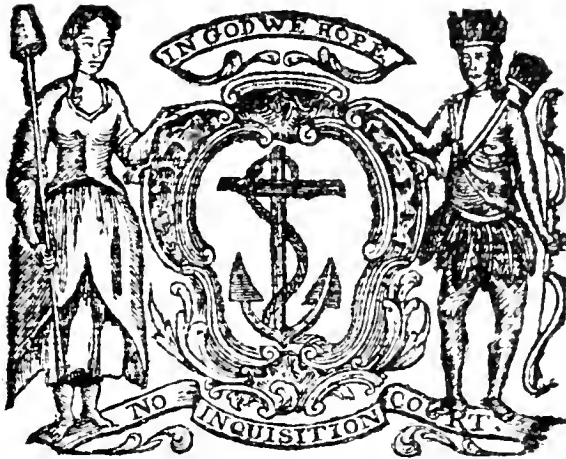






May, 1776.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in *May*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;* Governor.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq;* Dep. Governor.

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, Esq;

JOHN JEPSON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

} Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

May, 1776.

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)  
 Mr. Samuel Fowler,  
 Mr. George Sears,  
 Gideon Wanton, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Thomas Freebody,  
 Col. Joseph Belcher.

## PROVIDENCE:

Col. Jonathan Arnold,  
 Mr. John Brown,  
 Mr. John Smith,  
 Col. Amos Atwell.

## PORTSMOUTH:

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;  
 Mr. John Coddington,  
 Mr. John Thurston.

## WARWICK:

William Greene, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Jacob Greene,  
 Charles Holdon, *jun. Esq*;  
 Col. John Waterman.

## WESTERLY:

Major Gen. Joshua Babcock, *Esq*;  
 Col. Joseph Noyes.

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

## N O N E.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*;  
 Major Sylvester Gardner.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Seager,  
 Mr. Samuel Babcock.

## EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Shippee, *Esq*.

## JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,  
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq*.

## SMITHFIELD:

Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq*;  
 Capt. Andrew Waterman.

## SCITUATE:

Col. William West,  
 Mr. Christopher Potter.

## GLOUCESTER:

Richard Steere, *Esq*;  
 Col. Chad Brown.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS  
 LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

## CHARLESTOWN:

Capt. Joseph Stanton, *jun.*  
 Jonathan Hazzard, *Esq*.

## WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*;  
 Judiah Aylworth, *Esq*.

## COVENTRY:

Ephraim Westcott, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

## EXETER:

George Peirce, *Esq*.

## MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Joshua Barker,  
 Mr. Nicholas Easton.

## BRISTOL:

Shearjashub Bourn, *Esq*;  
 Col. Nathaniel Pearce.

## TIVERTON:

Mr. Gideon Almy,  
 Col. John Cooke.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

Capt. Thomas Brownell,  
 Mr. Daniel Wilbur.

## WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,  
 Col. Sylvester Child.

## CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, *Esq*;  
 Capt. Elisha Waterman.

## RICHMOND:

Samuel Tefft, *Esq*;  
 Major Richard Bailey.

## CRANSTON:

Mr. Andrew Harris,  
 Zuriel Waterman, *Esq*.

## JOHNSTON:

Mr. John Fenner,  
 Peleg Williams, *Esq*.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Major Thomas Olney,  
 Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, *jun.*

## BARRINGTON:

Edward Bosworth, *Esq*;  
 Capt. Thomas Allen.

## HOPKINTON:

John Larkin, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Wells, *Esq*.

**T**HIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil and military, for the Colony, for the ensuing Year, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List, were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

The Hon. *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; Governor, Engaged.

The Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; Deputy-Governor, Engaged.

*John Collins*, Esq; First Assistant, Engaged.

*Simeon Potter*, Esq; Second Assistant, Engaged.

*Ambrose Page*, Esq; Third Assistant, Engaged.

*John Sayles*, jun. Esq; Fourth Assistant, Engaged.

*John Jepson*, Esq; Fifth Assistant, Engaged.

*James Arnold*, jun. Esq; Sixth Assistant, Engaged.

*Jonathan Randall*, Esq; Seventh Assistant, Engaged.

*Peter Phillips*, Esq; Eighth Assistant, Engaged.

*William Potter*, Esq; Ninth Assistant, Engaged.

*Thomas Church*, Esq; Tenth Assistant, Engaged.

*Henry Ward*, Esq; Secretary, Engaged.

*Henry Marchant*, Esq; Attorney-General, Engaged.

*Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, Engaged.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Carr*, one of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *Jamestown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in Consequence of the Depredations committed at said *Jamestown*, by the Ministerial Fleet stationed in the Harbour of *Newport*, the Authority, as well as other Inhabitants of said Town, were obliged to remove, and take Shelter in other Parts; and, in particular, a young Woman lately delivered of a Bastard Child, chargeable to said Town, who, with her Child, took Shelter in *King's-County*, as did also most of the Inhabitants of said Town; that the Trouble, Danger and Expence, of the Authority's returning back to said Town, holding Courts there, and convening Persons before them for that Purpose, hath prevented their making any Order thereon for the Relief of said Town, and it being uncertain how long said Town may be in the same Situation, as they are still exposed to the further Attacks and Depredations of the Enemy; and thereupon prayed this Assembly, that the

S. Carr's Petition granted.

Wardens

Wardens of said Town may be empowered to call and hold a Court in any Case of Bastardy, which may happen before the said Town can be re-settled in any County in the Colony, where One or more of the Wardens of the said Town may live at such Time, with Power to commit the Delinquents to the Gaol in the County where such Court shall be holden ; and also to empower the Wardens to send their Warrants into any Part of the Colony, for the apprehending and bringing before them, at such Time and Place as they shall appoint, any Person who shall be charged with being the Father of any Bastard Child :

On Consideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.*

Committee  
to procure  
Spades and  
Shovels.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. John Smith, Amos Atwell, Joseph Belcher, Jonathan Jenckes, jun. Ephraim Westcott, George Sears, and Andrew Waterman, be appointed to procure, immediately, for the use of the Colony's Brigade, as many Iron or shod Shovels, and Iron Scoop Shovels, as can be got, not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty in the Whole ; that they procure to be made as soon as possible, for the same Use, Fifty good Spades ; that they be delivered to the said John Smith, and sent to Newport this week ; that the Spades and Shovels be well steeled, and be not purchased at a higher Rate than Nine Shillings : And that the said Committee be empowered to draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General Treasury for that Purpose.*

*T. Coggeshall's*  
Petition  
granted.

*WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Coggeshall, of Middletown, in the County of Newport, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he is possessed of certain Lands in said Middletown, which adjoin Lands late belonging to George Rome, now in Possession of Tenants, who hold under the Colony : That about One Hundred and Sixty Rods of Fence on the Line on the North Side of the Farm, late said Rome's, and about Sixty Rods*

Rods of Fence at the West end of the Meadow, purchased by said *Rome* of *Gideon Coggeshall*, are fallen down and gone to Decay, both which Fences divide between the Lands late belonging to said *Rome*, and his the Petitioner's Land; that those Lands having so frequently changed their Proprietors, no Division hath been made of the Fence each Proprietor ought to maintain and keep up; and thereupon prayed, that this Assembly would appoint some proper Person or Persons to divide the Line of Fence between the said two Estates, and assign to each Landholder their respective Part, or Proportion, to keep up and maintain.

AND this Assembly having taken the Premises into Consideration, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Joshua Barker*, the said *Thomas Coggeshall*, and *John Jepson*, Esq; or any Two of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to divide the above-mentioned Fence between the Parties, and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Martha Sweet*, the Wife of *Sylvester Sweet*, by Petition, represented unto this Assembly, that her Husband, inspired with a Zeal for the Liberties of his Country, enlisted in the Service of the Colony, in Capt. *Westcott's* Company, and had the Misfortune to be taken Prisoner by the Ministerial Fleet under the Command of Capt. *Wallace*, in the late Attack on *Jamestown*, in *December* last, and sent to *Boston*, and that she is now in a poor State of Health, and unable to support herself; and thereupon prayed that this Assembly would consider her poor and deplorable Circumstances, and order her Husband's Wages to be paid to her.

*Martha Sweet* to receive two Months of her Husband's Wages.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety pay to the said *Martha Sweet*, two Months of her Husband's Wages.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Regiment of the County of *Newport* be divided into two Regiments: That the first Regiment contain all the Companies of

Regiment in the County of *Newport*, divided into two.

Militia in the Towns of *Newport, Portsmouth, New-Shoreham, Jamestown, and Middletown* : And that the second Regiment contain the Companies of Militia in *Tiverton and Little-Compton*.

Company of  
Militia in  
*Little Compton*  
divided.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Company of Militia in *Little Compton*, be divided into two Companies, by a Line beginning at *Perez Richmond's* House, and running Easterly, as the Highway runs, until it comes to the Rounds of *Dartmouth* : And that the Company to the Southward of said Line, be the first Company.

First Company  
in *Providence*  
divided.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the first Company of Militia in *Providence*, be divided into two Companies, by a Line beginning at the Water, and running through Meeting-Street, until it comes to the upper Ferry : And that the Company, Southward of said Street, be the first ; and that to the Northward, the third Company.

Second Company  
in *Providence*  
divided.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the second Company of Militia, in the Town of *Providence*, be divided into two Companies, by a Line beginning at the Lane, Southward of the House of *Samuel Nightingale, Esq*; and from thence running by School-House Lane, until it comes to Westminster-Street, and across said Street : And that the East Part make the second, and the West Part the Fourth Company.

Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved in a Grand Committee, proceeded upon the Election, and chosen the following Officers, to wit :

*Joshua Babcock, Esq*; Major-General of the Militia.

*George Irish, Esq*; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.

*Jabez Bowen, Esq*; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*Joseph Noyes, Esq*; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *King's-County*.

*Nathaniel Martin, Esq*; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*John*



*John Waterman*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*John Cooke*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Chad Brown*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*Robert Brown*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings-County*.

*Nathaniel Brown*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kent*.

*William West*, Esq; Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*George Sears*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.

*Amos Atwell*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment, in the County of *Providence*.

*Jesse Champlin*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings-County*.

*Thomas Gray*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Bristol*.

*John Low*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment, in the County of *Kent*.

*David Hilyard*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.

*Elisha Mowrey, jun* Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*George Pierce*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings-County*.

*Archibald Kaffon*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kent*.

*John Colwell*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*Job Almy*, the 2d. Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*.

*Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*Jesse Maxson*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kings-County*.

*Benjamin Besworth*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Bristol*. *Thomas*

*May, 1776.*

*Thomas Tillinghast, Esq;* Major of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kent*.

*Pardon Gray, Esq;* Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*John Fiske, Esq;* Major of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

*Charles Dyre, Esq;* Major of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *King's-County*.

*Telverton Waite, Esq;* Major of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kent*.

*Joseph Knight, Esq;* Major of the Third Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Providence*.

<i>George Hazard, Esq;</i>	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> .
<i>John Jepson, Esq;</i>	Second	
<i>John Barker, Esq;</i>	Third	
<i>Thomas Church, Esq;</i>	Fourth	
<i>Benjamin Underwood, Esq;</i>	Fifth	

<i>Thomas Greene, Esq;</i>	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> .
<i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i>	Second	
<i>Rufus Hopkins, Esq;</i>	Third	
<i>Jer. Whipple, Esq;</i>	Fourth	
<i>Dan. Mowrey, jun. Esq;</i>	Fifth	

<i>William Potter, Esq;</i>	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kings-County</i> .
<i>Simcon Perry, Esq;</i>	Second	
<i>Sylvest. Robinson, Esq;</i>	Third	
<i>John Northup, Esq;</i>	Fourth	
<i>Carder Hazard, Esq;</i>	Fifth	

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<i>James Brown, Esq;</i>	Third	
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<i>John Low, Esq;</i>	Fourth	
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*John*

*John Foster*, Esq; Judge of the Court erected for the trial of Maritime Causes, in and throughout the Colony.

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*John Foster*, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace*, and *James Arnold*, jun. Esqs; the Grand Committee or Colony's Trustees, for signing Bills of Public Credit.

May, 1776.

The aforefaid *John Fofter* is chofen, and fpecially appointed, to take and have the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds, for tenths; and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon, and alfo to make proper Acquittances and Discharges, upon the Mortgages or otherwife, when he receives any of the Colony's Money: And in Cafe of non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all fuch as refufe or neglect to make due Payment.

*Billings Coggeſhall*, General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

*Henry Ward*, Eſq; Notary Public, in and throughout the Colony.

*John Grelea*, jun. Eſq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Newport*.

*Samuel Chace*, Eſq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

#### JUSTICES of the PEACE, for the feveral Towns.

##### NEWPORT :

*John Grelea*, jun.

*John Davis*,

*Jonathan Rogers*,

*John Pitman*,

*William Channing*,

*Billings Coggeſhall*,

*Solomon Southwick*, Eſqrs.

##### PROVIDENCE :

*Samuel Chace*,

*John Fofter*,

*David Wilkinſon*,

*Jabez Bowen*,

*Arthur Fenner*, jun.

*Nathaniel Jacobs*.

*Theodore Fofter*,

*Nathaniel Wheaton*, Eſqrs.

##### PORTSMOUTH :

*Thomas Shearman*, jun.

*John Thurſton*,

*Joſeph Anthony*, Eſqrs.

##### WARWICK :

*Thomas Rice*,

*Robert Rhodes*,

*Silas Cocke*,

*Reuben Wightman*,

*William Greene*, (*Son of Philip*) Eſqrs.

##### WESTERLY :

*Joſeph Crandall*,

*Stephen Saunders*,

*Joſeph Clarke*,

*Samuel Berry*,

*Oliver Babcock*, Eſqrs.

##### NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*William Hammond*,

*Eber Shearman*,

*George Thomas*, (*Son of Samuel*).

*Charles Tillinghaſt*.

*Caleb Hill*,

*Daniel Hall*,

*Jeremiah Hazard*, (*Son of Samuel*) Eſqrs.

##### SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Samuel Tefft*,

*Nathaniel Gardner*,

*Freeman Perry*, *James*

James Parker,  
Daniel Rodman,  
Samuel Perry,  
Caleb Tefit,  
Joseph Browning, *Esqrs.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Hopkins Cooke,  
Allen Johnion,  
John Briggs, *jun.*  
James Searle, *Esqrs.*

SMITHFIELD :

Stephen Arnold,  
Daniel Smith, (*Son of Eli-*  
Uriah Alverfon, (*tha.*  
Ichabod Comstock,  
Daniel Comstock,  
Gideon Mowrey,  
Jeremiah Winfor, *Esqrs.*

SCITUATE :

William West,  
Jeremiah Angell,  
Thomas Hill,  
Peleg Fiske,  
Thomas Harris,  
Samuel Dorrance,  
Stephen Smith, *Esqrs.*

GLOUCESTER :

Timothy Wilmarth,  
Silas Williams,  
Jonathan Harris,  
Israel Arnold,  
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*  
Moses Cooper,  
Caleb Arnold, *Esqrs.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,  
Tobias Saunders,  
Jonathan Hazard,  
George H. Peckham,  
Ephraim Browning, *Esqrs.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Judiah Aylsworth,  
Gideon Tripp,

Thomas Tillinghast,  
Jonathan Comstock,  
Benjamin Johnson, *Esqrs.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,  
Samuel Wall,  
Joseph Whipple,  
Nathan Goffe,  
William Stone, *Esqrs.*

EXETER :

George Pierce,  
Nicholas Gardner, *jun.*  
David Lillibridge,  
Robert Crandall,  
Samuel Gorton, *Esqrs.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Thomas Peckham,  
Joseph Peabody, *Esqrs.*

BRISTOL :

Daniel Bradford,  
John Waldron,  
Josiah Finney,  
Richard Pearce, *Esqrs.*

TIVERTON :

John Bowen,  
Walter Cooke,  
Benjamin Hambly,  
Gilbert Deval,  
Joseph Tabor, the 2d. *Esqrs.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Israel Stoddard,  
Aaron Wilbour,  
Philip Taylor,  
Enos Gifford, *Esqrs.*

WARREN :

William Turner Miller,  
William Barton,  
Daniel Cole, *Esqrs.*

CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter,  
Joseph Brown,  
Peter Darling,  
Nathan. Shepardson, *Esqrs.*

May, 1776.

<p>RICHMOND :</p> <p>Edward Perry, George Webb, Robert Stanton, Joseph Woodmanne, <i>jun.</i> (<i>Esqrs.</i>)</p>	<p>Benjamin Randall. Francis West, Rouse Babcock, <i>Esqrs.</i></p>
<p>CRANSTON :</p> <p>Thomas Potter, (<i>Son of</i> (<i>John.</i>)</p> <p>Job Manchester, Nehemiah Knight, Nehemiah Rhodes, <i>Esqrs.</i></p>	<p>JOHNSTON :</p> <p>Caleb Harris, Abraham Belknap, Noah Mathewson, Peleg Williams, Edward Fenner, <i>Esqrs.</i></p>
<p>HOPKINTON :</p> <p>John Maxson, <i>jun.</i> Thomas Wells, Nathan Burdick, Edward Wells,</p>	<p>NORTH-PROVIDENCE :</p> <p>Edward Tripp, William Bagley, Hope Angell, <i>Esqrs.</i></p> <p>BARRINGTON :</p> <p>Solomon Townsend, <i>jun.</i> Moses Tyler, Elkanah Humphrey, <i>Esqrs.</i></p>

Officers to Command the several Trained Bands, or  
Companies of Militia, within the Colony.

<p>PROVIDENCE :</p> <p>First Company.</p> <p>Jonathan Russell, <i>Capt.</i> David Lawrence, <i>Lieut.</i> Martin Seamans, <i>Ensign.</i></p> <p>Second Company.</p> <p>James Burrill, <i>Capt.</i> William Rhodes, <i>Lieut.</i> Nathan Warner, <i>Ensign.</i></p> <p>Third Company.</p> <p>John Demount, <i>Capt.</i> James Wheaton, (<i>Son of</i> <i>Ephraim</i>) <i>Lieut.</i></p> <p>Martin Thurbur, <i>Ensign.</i></p> <p>Fourth Company.</p> <p>James Snow, <i>Capt.</i> Zephaniah Brown, <i>Lieut.</i> David Bacon, <i>Ensign.</i></p>	<p>WARWICK :</p> <p>First Company.</p> <p>Job Randall, <i>Capt.</i> James Arnold, 5th <i>Lieut.</i> William Lippitt, <i>Ensign.</i></p> <p>Second Company.</p> <p>Reuben Wightman, <i>Capt.</i> Squire Milward, <i>Lieut.</i> James Gerrald, <i>Ensign.</i></p> <p>Third Company.</p> <p>Thomas Rice, (<i>son of Tho-</i> <i>mas</i>) <i>Capt.</i> Anthony Holden, (<i>Son of</i> <i>Charles</i>) <i>Lieut.</i></p> <p>Stutely Stafford, <i>jun. Ensign.</i></p>
<p>PORTSMOUTH :</p> <p>First Company.</p> <p>David Gifford, <i>Capt.</i> Thomas Earle, <i>Lieut.</i> Cooke Wilcox, <i>Ensign.</i></p>	<p>WESTERLY :</p> <p>First Company.</p> <p>Joseph Pendleton, <i>Capt.</i> Joshua Pendleton, <i>Lieut.</i> Ephraim Pendleton, <i>Ensign.</i></p> <p>Second Company.</p> <p>John Gavett, <i>Capt.</i> Stephen</p>

Stephen Saunders, *Lieut.*  
William Bliven, *Ensign.*  
NEW-SHOREHAM Comp.

John Sands, *Capt.*  
Sam. Rathbun, *jun. Lieut.*  
William Littlefield, *Ensign.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :  
First Company.

Thomas Clarke, *Capt.*  
John Manchester, *Lieut.*  
Charles Dyre, *Ensign.*  
Second Company.

William Taylor, *Capt.*  
John Cole, *jun. Lieut.*  
Sylvester Sweet, *Ensign.*  
Third Company.

Samuel Thomas, *jun. Capt.*  
John Brown, *jun. Lieut.*  
Joshua Vaughan, *Ensign.*  
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

First Company.

Samuel Seagers, *Capt.*  
Gideon Babcock, *Lieut.*  
Jonathan Card, *Ensign.*  
Second Company.

Abial Brown, *Capt.*  
James Parker, *Lieut.*  
Barber Peckham, *Ensign.*  
Third Company.

Ray Sands, *Capt.*  
Samuel Potter, *Lieut.*  
Daniel Williams, *Ensign.*  
SMITHFIELD :

First Company.

Thomas Jenckes, *Capt.*  
Samuel Day, *Lieut.*  
George Streeter, *Ensign.*  
Second Company.

David Eddy, *Capt.*  
Ebenezer Trask, *Lieut.*  
Simeon Ballou, *Ensign.*  
Third Company.

Nehemiah Smith, *Capt.*

James Smith, *Lieut.*  
Jesse Smith, *Ensign.*

SCITUATE :

First Company.

Peleg Fiske, *Capt.*  
Nathan Relph, *Lieut.*  
Jon. Knight, *jun. Ensign.*  
Second Company.

Simeon Herrenden, *Capt.*  
George Dorrance, *Lieut.*  
Reuben Read, *Ensign.*  
Third Company.

James Williams, *Capt.*  
Joseph Davis, *Lieut.*  
Caleb Potter, *Ensign.*  
Fourth Company.

Jeremiah Davis, *Capt.*  
Isaac Hopkins, *Lieut.*  
Oziel Smith, *Ensign.*  
Sixth Company.

Stephen Sheldon, *Capt.*  
James Wells, *Lieut.*  
William Howard, *Ensign.*

GLOUCESTER :

First Company.

Benajah Whipple, *Capt.*  
Simon Smith, *Lieut.*  
John Eddy, *Ensign.*  
Second Company.

Samuel Mayes, *Capt.*  
Ezekiel Pettipiece, *Lieut.*  
Daniel Mathewson, *Ensign.*  
Third Company.

Abraham Winfor, *Capt.*  
Stephen Pain, *Lieut.*  
Richard Lewis, *Ensign.*  
Fourth Company.

Stephen Winfor, *Capt.*  
Aaron Arnold, *Lieut.*  
Isaac Rofs, *Ensign.*

CHARLESTOWN :

First Company.

Tho. Sheffield, *Capt.* Jon.

Jonathan Macomber, <i>Lieut.</i>	Ephraim Simmons, <i>Lieut.</i>
Caleb Crandall, <i>Ensign.</i>	William Bailey, <i>Ensign.</i>
Second Company.	Second Company.
Amos Greene, <i>jun. Capt.</i>	George Simmons, <i>Capt.</i>
Beriah Lewis, <i>Lieut.</i>	David Cooke, <i>Lieut.</i>
Daniel Stafford, <i>Ensign.</i>	Fobes Little, <i>jun. Ens.</i>
COVENTRY :	WARREN Company:
First Company.	Ezra Ormsbee, <i>Capt.</i>
Benedict Colvill, <i>Capt.</i>	Smith Bowen, <i>Lieut.</i>
Robert Cooke, <i>Lieut.</i>	Amos Haile, <i>Ens.</i>
William Collins, <i>Ensign.</i>	CUMBERLAND :
Second Company.	First Company.
William Roy, <i>Capt.</i>	Enoch Wetherhead, <i>Capt.</i>
Will. Burlingham, <i>Lieut.</i>	Benjamin Wilkinson, <i>Lieut.</i>
Nicholas Whitford, <i>Ensign.</i>	Joseph Razey, <i>jun. Ens.</i>
Third Company.	RICHMOND :
Benjamin Greene, <i>Capt.</i>	First Company.
Langford Weaver, <i>Lieut.</i>	Simeon Clarke, <i>jun. Capt.</i>
Jonathan Nichols, <i>jun. Ens.</i>	Thomas James, <i>Lieut.</i>
Fourth Company.	Smiting Potter, <i>Ens.</i>
Joseph Whipple, <i>Capt.</i>	Second Company.
Joseph Kinyon, <i>Lieut.</i>	Jonathan Maxson, <i>Capt.</i>
Afa Bennett, <i>Ensign.</i>	John Clarke, <i>Lieut.</i>
MIDDLETOWN Company.	Jeremiah Tefft, <i>Ens.</i>
Thomas Peckham, <i>Capt.</i>	CRANSTON :
John Vars, <i>Lieut.</i>	First Company.
Tho. Coggeshall, <i>jun. Ens.</i>	Anthony Potter, <i>Capt.</i>
BRISTOL Company.	Josiah Potter, <i>Lieut.</i>
Jeremiah Ingraham, <i>Capt.</i>	Gideon Westcott, <i>Ens.</i>
Stephen Smith, <i>Lieut.</i>	Second Company.
Hezekiah Munro, <i>Ensign.</i>	Frederick Williams, <i>Capt.</i>
TIVERTON :	Nathaniel Carpenter, <i>Lieut.</i>
First Company.	John Harris, <i>jun. Ens.</i>
Isaac Cooke, <i>Capt.</i>	Third Company.
Philip Corey, <i>Lieut.</i>	Edward Knight, <i>Capt.</i>
Philip Manchester, <i>Ensign.</i>	William Field, 2d <i>Lieut.</i>
Second Company.	Joseph Potter, <i>Ens.</i>
Benjamin Durfee, <i>Capt.</i>	HOPKINTON .
Ebenezer Slocum, <i>Lieut.</i>	First Company.
Daniel Deval, <i>jun. Ensign.</i>	Barker Wells, <i>Capt.</i>
LITTLE-COMPTON :	Oliver Babcock, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
First Company.	Elnathan Wells, <i>Ens.</i>
Gideon Simmons, <i>Capt.</i>	Second Company. Geo.



George Thurston, <i>jun. Capt.</i>	Vial Allen, <i>Lieut.</i>
Matthew Randall, <i>Lieut.</i>	Daniel Kinnicutt, <i>Enf</i>
Randall Wells, <i>Enf.</i>	Committee of Safety,
JOHNSTON :	For the County of <i>Newport</i>
First Company.	Metcalf Bowler, <i>Esq;</i>
Richard Fenner, <i>jun. Capt.</i>	Col. John Cooke.
Daniel Sprague, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>	For the County of <i>Provi-</i>
James Fenner, <i>Enf.</i>	dence :
Second Company.	Mr. John Smith,
Emmor Olney, <i>Capt.</i>	Daniel Tillinghast, <i>Esq.</i>
Daniel Angell, <i>Lieut.</i>	For the County of <i>King's-</i>
Laban Waterman, <i>Enf.</i>	County :
NORTH-PROVIDENCE	John Northup, <i>Esq;</i>
Company.	Mr. Joseph Stanton, <i>jun.</i>
Eleazer Jenckes, <i>Capt.</i>	For the County of <i>Bristol :</i>
Samuel Olney, <i>Lieut.</i>	Hon. Will. Bradford, <i>Esq;</i>
Jessie Angell, <i>Enf.</i>	For the County of <i>Kent :</i>
BARRINGTON Company.	Stephen Mumford, <i>Esq.</i>
Thomas Allen, <i>Capt.</i>	

James Clarke, *Enf.* of the 8th Company in the 2d Regiment of the Colony's Brigade.

William Barton, *Esq;* Major of Brigade, for the County of *Providence.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Commanding Officer of the Colony's Brigade, be directed to employ a sufficient Number of Men to erect a Fort at *Beaver-Tail*, upon *Conannicut*, to contain six or eight heavy Cannon, under the Direction of the Honorable *Esek Hopkins*, *Esq;* Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy.

Command-  
ing Officer of  
the Brigade  
to erect a Fort  
at *Beaver-  
Tail.*



AN ACT establishing an Independant Company by the Name of the *Smithfield* and *Cumberland* RANGERS.

WHEREAS the preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the Military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants : And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, to wit : *George Peck, Nede- biab Wilkinfen, Edward Thompsen, Levi Brown, Stephen Whipple,*

Act establish-  
ing an Inde-  
pendent  
Company in  
the County of  
*Providence,*  
by the Name  
of the *Smith-  
field* and *Cum-  
berland* Ran-  
gers.

*Whipple, John Bly, Aaron Clarke, Amos Whipple, Thomas Bowen, Amos Bowen, Elijah Brown, Isaac Razee, Joseph Razee, John Brown, Abraham Hogg, Daniel Smith, jun. Allen Grant, Elihu Brown, Rufus Arnold, John Burlingame, Benjamin S. Walcutt, Stephen Brown, Ebenezer Metcalf, Thomas Bicknell, Dexter Brown, Ibrook Whipple, Chad Smith, Japhet Bickrell, Benjamin Follet, Nathaniel Cooke, Ezekiel Harris, Jeremiah Bly, Gideon Bishop, Jonathan Fisher, Thomas Spears, Samuel Dexter, Cyril Brown, Jephtha Wilkinson, Daniel Jenckes, jun. Levi Lee, Stephen Wilkinson, Joseph Jenckes, Simeon Dexter, John Walcutt, Nathaniel Shepardsen, Benjamin May, Benjamin Dexter, George Angell, John Wetherbead, William Bowen, Lathan Mosher, Daniel Ray, Timothy Bennett, Jeremiah Richmond, Gamaliel Richmond, Oliver Carpenter, Israel Whipple, jun. Nathan Wetherbead, Anthony Jenckes, George Streeter, Benjamin Ballou, Rufus Streeter, Stephen Day, Nathaniel Bucklin, Simeon Wilkinson, Ezra Bennet, Abner Thompson, Abraham Smith, Abisha Remff, Benjamin Boyce, Simon Aldrich, Joshua Jenckes, John Wilkinson, Samuel Dexter, Richard Ballou, Joseph Wilkinson, Simon Whipple, Thaddeus Williams, Nathan Dexter, Amariah Yeates, Nathaniel Spaulding, Isaac Bucklin, Joshua Phillips, John Sheldon, Richard Sayles the 3d, Daniel Sayles, Daniel Phillips, Moses Tucker, Edmond Harandeen, Benoni Pain, Asa Thompson, Levi Young, and Joseph Wiley, have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as are, or shall be, added to them, to form themselves into a Company, by the Name of the *Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers*, and, by their Petition, prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Privileges, and under such Limitations, as this Assembly may think proper.*

WHEREFORE this Assembly, in Order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, have Ordained, Constituted and Granted, and by these Presents do Ordain, Constitute and Grant, that they the Petitioners beforenamed, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them, not exceeding the Number of One Hundred, exclusive of Officers, be, and they are hereby, declared to be an Independent Company by the Name of

of the *Smithfield* and *Cumberland* Rangers, and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have, and enjoy, all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant herein after-mentioned.

**IMPRRMIS.** It is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the major Part of them, shall, and may, once in every Year, *to wit*, on the Third Tuesday in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for the training, disciplining, and well ordering said Company : At which Meeting no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being ; and commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other Military Officers in this Colony are.

**SECONDLY.** That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet, and exercise themselves, upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary, and not be subject to the Orders or Directions of the Colonel, or other Field Officers of the Regiment, in whose District they respectively live, in such Meetings and Exercisings : And that they be obliged to meet, for exercising, at least Four Times in each Year, upon the Penalty of paying to, and for the Use of, the Company, the following Fines, *to wit* : The Captain, for each Day's Neglect, Twenty Shillings, Lawful Money ; the Lieutenants, and Ensign, each Ten Shillings, Lawful Money ; the Clerk, and other subaltern Officers, each Five Shillings, Lawful Money ; and each private Soldier, Three Shillings, Lawful Money : Which Fines shall be collected, by Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or other superior Officer, of said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

**THIRDLY** That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make all such Laws, Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall  
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deem expedient to promote the End of the Establishment; and to lay any Penalty or Fine, for the Breach of such Rules, not exceeding Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for any one Offence, to be collected in Manner as is above directed.

FOURTHLY. That all those who shall be duly inlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing other Military Duty (Watching and Warding only excepted) in the several Companies, or trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live, excepting such as shall be Officers in any of the said Companies, or trained Bands.

FIFTHLY. That if any Officer or Officers of the said Company, shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the County of *Providence*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, and in such Cases, the Captain of said Company, or superior Officer, shall call a Meeting for the Election of another or others, in his or their Stead, who shall be so removed.

SIXTHLY. And for the further Encouragement of the said Company, it is hereby further granted, That the Captain of said Company shall be of the Rank of Colonel, the First Lieutenant of the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, the Second Lieutenant of the Rank of Major, and the Ensign of the Rank of a Captain: That the said Officers shall be of the Court-Martial and Council of War, in the Regiment in whose District they live: That upon all General Reviews, Field Days and public Trainings, the said Company shall hold such Rank and Station in the Brigade or Regiment in which they shall Exercise, as by the Rules of War they are entitled to; subject however to the present Requisitions of the Colony Law: And that in Time of Alarm the said Company shall be under the immediate Command of the Captain-General of the Colony, or other Superior Officer, for the Time being.

SEVENTHLY. That at the Request of said Company,

ny, the following Officers be, and they are hereby, appointed to command the same, to wit: *George Peck* Captain, *Nedibiab Wilkinson* First Lieutenant, *Edward Thompson* Second Lieutenant, and *Levi Brown* Ensign.

AND it is ordered that the Secretary make out a fair Copy of this Charter, affix the Colony Seal thereto, and transmit the same to the said Company.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Colony will send Two Delegates to represent the Colony in the Continental Congress.

Two Delegates to be sent to Congress.

BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; the first Delegate. to represent the Colony in Congress.

*S. Hopkins*, Esq; chosen first Delegate.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Collins*, Esq; Messrs. *Jonathan Arnold*, *John G. Wanton*, *Henry Ward*, *Richard Steere* and *Shearjashub Bourn*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to take the Letter, from the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; to the Governor, into Consideration, and to prepare Instructions to the Delegates, to represent this Colony in Congress, and to make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Committee to prepare Instructions for the Delegates.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That such of the Prisoners of War, now in the Gaol in *Providence*, as the Honorable *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; shall think proper, be confined to close Gaol.

Prisoners of War to be closely confined.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to Command the Company of *Light-Infantry*, for the County of *Providence*, which is as follows, to wit:

Officers of the Company of Light-Infantry in *Providence*.

*John Mathewson*, Captain,  
*Jonathan Ellis*, First Lieutenant,  
*Daniel Jackson*, Second Lieutenant,  
*Benjamin Taliman*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted* and

Officers of the Company of *Providence* Rangers.

May, 1776.

and Resolved, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

Officers of  
the Company  
of Pawtuxet  
Rangers.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Pawtuxet* Rangers, in the Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston*, which is as follows, to wit :

*Benjamin Arnold*, Captain,  
*Oliver Arnold*, First Lieutenant,  
*Sylvester Rhodes*, Second Lieutenant,  
*James Sheldon*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

Officers of  
the Gloucester  
Light Infantry.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Light-Infantry*, in the Town of *Gloucester*, and is as follows, to wit :

*Timothy Wilmarth*, jun. Captain,  
*David Richmond*, First Lieutenant,  
*Martin Smith*, Second Lieutenant,  
*Caleb Sheldon*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and hereby are, approved.

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WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Carlile* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse Hire and Expences, in going Express to *Lebanon* on the public Service : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved* that the same be, and he eby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds, Five Shillings, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Thomas Carlile*, out of the General Treasury.

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WHEREAS the said *Thomas Carlile* presented unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the Colony,

Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, including two Journeys to *Bristol*, and elsewhere, on public Business : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Fourteen Shillings and one Penny Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Carlile*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, Monthly, to the Quarter-Masters in the Army raised by this Colony. Quarter-Masters Wages raised.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, *John Northup*, and *Peter Phillips*, Esqrs. or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed to let out, in Behalf of the Colony, all the Real Estates ordered heretofore by the General Assembly of this Colony to be taken into Possession, in the County of King's-County, by the High Sheriff of said County, in Consequence of the inimical Principles their former Proprietors entertained to *America* : And that said Committee be empowered to let the Estate in possession of *Stephen Boyer*, lying in *North-Kingstown*, in said County, formerly Tenant to *George Rome*, to the said *Stephen Boyer*, or any other person, he having given Satisfaction to the Committee of Inspection of said *North-Kingstown*, as to his future Conduct ; that said Committee be also empowered to let such Part of the Stock on the Farm. late of said *George Rome*, to the said *Stephen Boyer*, and to sell and dispose of such Part thereof, as they shall think proper, and to account therefor to this Colony, whenever required ; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly at the next Session. Committee to let the Estates in King's-County.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commanding Officer of the Forces on *Rhode-Island* be directed, immediately, to remove the Troops from the Ferry-house on the Point, belonging to Mr. *Benjamin Ellery*, in Order that the Ferry may be kept open as usual. Troops to be removed from the Point Ferry House in Newport.

Watch kept  
in the several  
Towns, bor-  
dering on the  
Sea, suspend-  
ed, during  
the Absence  
of the Mini-  
sterial Fleet.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act passed at the Session held in January last, appointing Watches to be kept in the several Towns bordering upon the Sea, be suspended during the Absence of the Ministerial Fleet : That for the future a Watch be kept only at *Point-Judith Point, Seconet-Point, at Westerly, Charlestown, at the South Ferry in South-Kingstown, as heretofore, and at North-Kingstown* ; that the Colonels of Militia, in the several Towns, where said Watches have been kept, lay before this Assembly, at the next Session, an exact Account of all the Expences that have accrued, since the first Appointment of said Watches ; that a Copy of this Act be transmitted to each of the said Colonels, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and that the respective Members of the General Assembly, in the several Towns of the Colony, where a Watch hath been kept, inform the Colonels immediately to stop said Watch.



An Act re-  
pealing an  
Act, entitled,  
“ *An Act for  
the more effec-  
tual securing to  
his Majesty the  
Allegiance of  
his Subjects,  
in this his Co-  
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Rhode Island  
and Provi-  
dence Planta-  
tions, and al-  
tering the  
Form of  
Commissions,  
of all Writs,  
Processes in  
Courts, &c.*”

AN ACT repealing an Act, intitled, “ *An Act for the more effectually securing to his Majesty the Allegiance of his Subjects, in this his Colony and Dominion of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations* ;” and altering the Forms of Commissions, of all Writs and Processes in the Courts, and of the Oaths prescribed by Law.

WHEREAS in all States, existing by Compact, Protection and Allegiance are reciprocal, the latter being only due in Consequence of the former : And whereas GEORGE the Third, King of Great-Britain, forgetting his Dignity, regardless of the Compact most solemnly entered into, ratified and confirmed, to the Inhabitants of this Colony, by His illustrious Ancestors, and till of late fully recognized by Him--and entirely departing from the Duties and Character of a good King, instead of protecting, is endeavouring to destroy the good People of this Colony, and of all the United Colonies, by sending Fleets and Armies to America, to confiscate our Property, and spread Fire, Sword and Desolation, throughout our Country, in order to compel us to submit



mit to the most debasing and detestable Tyranny ; whereby we are obliged by Necessity, and it becomes our highest Duty, to use every Means, with which God and Nature have furnished us, in Support of our invaluable Rights and Privileges ; to oppose that Power which is exerted only for our Destruction.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That an Act intitled, " An Act for the more effectual securing to His Majesty the Allegiance of his Subjects in this his Colony and Dominion of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.*

*AND be it further Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That in all Commissions for Offices, civil and military, and in all Writs and Processes in Law, whether original, judical or executory, civil or criminal, wherever the Name and Authority of the said King is made Use of, the same shall be omitted, and in the Room thereof the Name and Authority of the Governor and Company of this Colony shall be substituted, in the following Words, to wit : " The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations : " That all such Commissions, Writs and Processes, shall be otherwise of the same Form and Tenure as they heretofore were : That the Courts of Law be no longer entitled nor considered as the King's Courts : And that no Instrument in Writing, of any Nature or Kind, whether public or private, shall in the Date thereof mention the Year of the said King's Reign : *Provided nevertheless,* That nothing in this Act contained shall render void or vitiate any Commission, Writ, Process or Instrument, heretofore made or executed, on Account of the Name and Authority of the said King being therein inserted.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Oaths or Engagements to be administered to the Officers appointed in this Colony shall be as follow, to wit :*

*General Officers.*

" You being by the free Vote of the Freemen

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men of this Colony of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations* elected unto the Place of           do solemnly engage to be true and faithful unto this said Colony, and in your said Office equal Justice to do unto all Persons, poor and rich, within this Jurisdiction, to the utmost of your Skill and Ability, without Partiality, according to the Laws established, or that may be established, by the General Assembly of this Colony, as well in matters military as civil : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.

*Deputies.*

“ You           being chosen to the Place of a Deputy, to sit in the General Assembly, do solemnly engage, that you will be true and faithful to this Colony of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations* ; and that you will do equal Right and Justice to all Persons who shall appeal unto you for your Judgment in their respective Cases, according to the Laws established, or that may be established, by the General Assembly of this said Colony : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.”

*Judges of the Superior Court.*

“ You           being by the General Assembly of this Colony chosen to the Place of a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the Colony, do solemnly engage to be true and faithful to this said Colony, and to execute the Office unto which you are chosen as aforesaid with Fidelity, to the best of your Skill and Knowledge, according to the Laws established, or that may be established, by the General Assembly of this said Colony : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.”

[*Public Notaries, Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts, Justices of the Inferior Courts, and Sheriffs, to take the same Oath as the Justices of the Superior Court, mutatis mutandis.*]

*Grand Jurors.*

“ You *A. B.* being of the Grand Inquest, on the  
Behalf

Behalf of the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, do hereby promise and engage to make a true Return to this Court of all such Bills as shall be presented to you, or such Breakers of Law as shall come to your Knowledge : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury."

*Petit Jurors in civil Causes.*

" You *A. B.* being of this Jury of Trials, shall well and truly try the Issue of this Case, and all Cases that shall be committed unto you from this Court, between the Parties, Plaintiff and Defendant, according to Law and Evidence ; and to keep together until you agree of a Verdict in the Case or Cases committed to you, and make true Return of the Verdict or Verdicts unto this Court ; and to keep your own and Fellow's Secrets : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury."

*Petit Jurors in criminal Causes.*

" You *A. B.* being of this Jury of Trials, shall well and truly try, and true Deliverance make, between the Governor and Company of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, and the Prisoner at the Bar, according to Law and Evidence ; and to keep together until you are agreed of a Verdict or Verdicts, in the Case or Cases that shall be committed to you from this Court, and to keep your own and Fellow's Secrets : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury."

*Town Officers.*

" You *A. B.* do hereby solemnly engage to be true and faithful unto this Colony of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, and that you will well and truly, according to the Laws established, or that may be established by the General Assembly of said Colony, execute the Office of \_\_\_\_\_ for the ensuing Year, or until another be engaged in your Room, or you be legally discharged therefrom : And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury."

*Military commissioned Officers.*

" You *A. B.* being by the General Assembly chosen and elected unto the Place and Office of \_\_\_\_\_

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do solemnly swear to be true and faithful unto this Colony of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, and to the Authority therein established by the General Assembly : And you do also further engage well and truly to execute the Office of to which you are elected according to your Commission ; and to perform and observe all the Laws made and provided for the Support and well ordering the Militia, without Partiality ; and that you will observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from Time to Time receive from your Superiors. *So help you God.*"

*Clerk of a Company of Militia.*

" You *A. B.* do solemnly swear well and truly to perform and execute the Office of Clerk of the Company, or Trained Band, under the Command of *C. D.* to the utmost of your Skill and Ability, without Partiality, according to the Laws of this Colony which relate to your Office. *So help you God.*"



Instructions  
to the Dele-  
gates.

*The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, in General Assembly convened, to Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery, Esquires, Greeting.*

WHEREAS this Assembly, reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Abilities and Integrity, have appointed you the said *Stephen Hopkins* and *William Ellery* Delegates, to represent this Colony in General Congress ; you are therefore hereby empowered to join with the Delegates of the other United Colonies in Congress at *Philadelphia*, as soon as conveniently may be, or at such Time and Place as shall be agreed upon by the major Part of the Delegates from the said Colonies.

You are also authorized and empowered to consult and advise with the Delegates of the said Colonies in Congress, upon the most proper Measures for promoting and confirming the strictest Union and Confederation between the said United Colonies, for exerting their whole Strength and Force to annoy the common Enemy, and to secure to the said Colonies their Rights and Liberties, both civil and religious, whether by entering into Treaties with any Prince, State,  
or

or Potentate, or by such other prudent and effectual Ways and Means as shall be devised and agreed upon. And in Conjunction with the Delegates from the said United Colonies, or the major Part of them, to enter into and adopt all such Measures, taking the greatest Care to secure to this Colony, in the strongest and most perfect Manner, its present established Form, and all the Powers of Government, so far as relate to its internal Police and Conduct of our own Affairs, civil and religious.

You are also instructed and directed to exert your utmost Abilities in carrying on this just and necessary War, in which we are engaged against cruel and unnatural Enemies, in the most vigorous Manner, until Peace shall be restored to the said Colonies, and their Rights and Liberties secured upon a solid and permanent Basis.

You are also empowered to join with the major Part of the Delegates of the said United Colonies, in adjourning from Time to Time, and to such Place or Places, as shall be thought proper, for and during one Year.

You have it in express Charge, to make immediate Application to Congress to put the Colony Brigade upon the Continental Establishment, and to defray the Expences of it from the first Indulment of the Troops, as that Number is indispensably necessary for the Defence of the Colony, which is utterly unable to support them.

And as it may happen that from Sickness, or other necessary Causes, one of you may be absent from Congress, in all such Cases, the other is hereby as fully empowered to represent the Colony, as though both were present and agreed in Sentiment.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose having reported the foregoing Instructions to the Delegates to represent this Colony in Congress; which being considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are approved.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Committee of Safety be directed and empowered to pay off the Safety to pay  
Militia the Militia.

Militia for their Time and Service when they are called out to defend the Colony, or any Part thereof, upon proper Certificates being produced.

Committee to enquire what Arms are in Possession of the Colony. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Standing Committee enquire what Arms are in Possession of the Colony belonging to particular Persons, and to call upon *Peter Phillips*, Esq; *Col. Church*, *Col. Varnum*, and *Col. Hitchcock*, to render an Account to the Assembly what Arms they have received, and of whom.

Account for building Barracks. WHEREAS the following Account was laid before this Assembly, *to wit* :

The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.  
For Carpenters Work done in building the Barracks.  
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*April* *Peleg Simmonds* 56 Days Work,  
*Lemuel Sawyer* 60 Days Ditto,  
*Jeremiah Manchester* 63 Days Ditto,  
*Thomas Brayton* 57 Days Ditto,  
*Thomas Butts* 53 Days Ditto,  
*An. Hart* 40 Days Ditto,  
*Edmond Case* 35 Days Ditto,  
*William Rood* 58 Days Ditto,  
*Job Phillips* 13 Days Ditto.  
*Capt. Christopher Manchester* 63 Days superintending, and finding two Setts of Tools.  
*Lemuel Sawyer* 8 Setts of Tools.

Lost three Plains, one Claw-Hammer, and one File.

*Newport, April 23, 1776.* I do hereby certify, that the above List of Carpenters Work done on the Barracks at Head-Quarters, *Middletown*, is just and true.  
CHRISTOPHER MANCHESTER.

AND the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, pay *Ninepence per Day* to each of the above named Persons, excepting *Lemuel Sawyer*, who is to be paid *Tenpence per Day*, and *Jeremiah Manchester*, who is to be allowed *One Shilling and Sixpence per Day*, for their Work and Use of their Tools.

Pay of Field Officers upon an Alarm. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each Field Officer within this Colony upon Duty, upon any Alarm, shall be

be allowed as follows, *to wit* : Each Colonel *Eight Shillings*, each Lieutenant-Colonel *Seven Shillings*, and each Major *Six Shillings per Day*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That for the future the Brigade to be Troops of the *Rhode-Island* Brigade be paid off monthly. paid monthly.

WHEREAS *John Cole*, Esq; in Behalf of the Minister, Church-Wardens, and Congregation of the Episcopal Church in *Providence*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that *John Whipple*, late of said *Providence*, Gentleman, deceased, did give and grant unto the Minister, Church-Wardens, and Congregation of said Church, a certain Lot of Land, lying on the North Side of said Church, and to the Eastward of Mr. *Nathaniel Wheaton's* and *William Smith's* Lands, to them and their Successors for ever, as a Burying-Place ; that the said *Wheaton* and *Smith* are Owners of a Lot of Land lying to the Eastward and Southward of said Church, which they are desirous and willing to exchange for the same Quantity of Land out of the Lot given by said *John Whipple*, which will lay the Land belonging to the Church much more convenient and commodious for the Purpose of a Burying-Place than it is at present ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to enable some Person or Persons to give and receive Deeds in Exchange of said Lots of Land, for the Purpose aforesaid.

ON Consideration whereof, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the foregoing Petition be granted ; and that the Church-Wardens of said Church be and they are hereby empowered to give and receive Deeds for the Exchange of the Lands aforesaid, and that the Deeds by them given and received shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes whatever.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Samuel Ward*, Esq; late a Delegate for this Colony in the Continental Congress, hath lately deceased in the City of *Philadelphia* : In Testimony of the Respect due to his Memory, and in grateful Remembrance of his public Services, *Resolved*, That his Executors or Administrators are desired as soon as may be to exhibit to this Assembly an Account of his Funeral Expences, for Payment : *And it is further*  
H *Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Delegates for this Colony, for the Time being, be instructed to erect a decent Tombstone or Monument of Marble, with such Inscription as they shall think suitable, over the Place where his Body hath been deposited, at the Expence of this Colony.

Report of the  
Committee  
who signed  
the Lawful  
Money Bills.

WHEREAS the Committee for signing the Money presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

In Pursuance of an Act passed by the General Assembly, at the Session held at *East-Greenwich*, on the Third Monday in March last past, for emitting *Twenty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, in Bills of Credit; we the Subscribers have signed the said Bills, which are of the following Denominations, *to wit* :

1600	Bills of Sixty Shillings each,	is £4800
2000	of Forty Shillings,	4000
3000	of Thirty Shillings,	4500
3000	of Twenty Shillings,	3000
3000	of Ten Shillings,	1500
3000	of Five Shillings,	750
3000	of Four Shillings,	600
3000	of Three Shillings,	450
2100	of Two Shillings,	210
2000	of One Shilling,	100
2400	of Ninepence,	90

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£ 20,000

Which said Bills, amounting to *Twenty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, we have delivered to the General-Treasurer, of whom we have taken a Receipt, in the Eighth Book of the Colony Records in the Secretary's Office; in which Book we also registered an exact Account of the Order of signing the same.

JOHN COLE,  
JOSEPH CLARKE,  
JOHN G. WANTON,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
WELCOME ARNOLD,  
JOHN DEXTER,  
WILLIAM ELLERY.

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THE Colony Dr. to *Joseph Clarke, John Cole, John Dexter, John G. Wanton, Thomas Greene, Welcome Arnold, James Congdon 3d, and William Ellery,*  
For our Services in signing said Bills, at *One Quarter per Cent.* £ 50 0 0.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Committee Voted and Resolved,* That the same be and hereby is allowed £50. accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid to *Joseph Clarke, John Cole, John Dexter, John G. Wanton, Thomas Greene, Welcome Arnold, James Congdon 3d, and William Ellery,* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *John Cole, Joseph Clarke, and John Dexter,* Esquires, and *Mr. John G. Wanton,* presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit :*

Report of the Committee who signed the Lawful Money Bills.

IN Pursuance of an Act passed by the General Assembly, at the Session held at *Providence,* on *Tuesday* the *Thirty-first* Day of *October* last past, for emitting *Twenty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, in Bills of Credit; we the Subscribers have signed the said Bills, which are of the following Denominations, *to wit :*

1500	Bills of <i>Forty Shillings</i> each,	is £3000
3000	of <i>Thirty Shillings,</i>	4500
4000	of <i>Twenty Shillings,</i>	4000
5000	of <i>Ten Shillings,</i>	2500
6000	of <i>Five Shillings,</i>	1500
8000	of <i>Three Shillings,</i>	1200
12000	of <i>Two Shillings,</i>	1200
20000	of <i>One Shilling,</i>	1000
16000	of <i>Ninepence,</i>	600
20000	of <i>Sixpence,</i>	500

£ 20,000

WHICH said Bills, amounting to *Twenty Thousand Pounds,* we have delivered to the General-Treasurer, of whom we have taken a Receipt in the Eighth Book of the Colony Records, in the Secretary's Office; in which

which Book we have also registered an exact Account of the Order of signing the same.

JOHN COLE,  
JOSEPH CLARKE  
JOHN DEXTER,  
JOHN G. WANTON.

THE Colony Dr. to *John Cole, Joseph Clarke, John Dexter, and John G. Wanton,*  
For our Services in signing said Bills, 'at One Half per Cent. £ 100.

Committee  
allowed  
£ 100.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid to *John Cole, Joseph Clarke, John Dexter, and John G. Wanton*, out of the General-Treasury.

Allowance to  
the Watch-  
Company in  
*Newport.*

WHEREAS an Account was laid before this Assembly, charged against the Colony, by sundry Persons, who served as a Watch-Company in *Newport*, by Order of *Henry Babcock, Esq;* Colonel Commandant; and the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Privates in said Company be allowed *Two Shillings per Day* for said Service, and that the Officers be allowed the same Pay as are now allowed to the Officers in the same Company.

*S. Aborn* al-  
lowed 1600  
Dollars.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Sixteen Hundred Dollars* be paid to *Samuel Aborn, Esq;* out of the General-Treasury, being the Value of the Sloop *Sally*, chartered for the Service of the Colony, and taken by the Enemy

*P. Turner* al-  
lowed £ 16  
9 d.

WHEREAS *Dr. Peter Turner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Medicines by him furnished, and for his Attendance on sundry Sailors belonging to the Galley *Washington*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Peter Turner*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Hopkins Cooke* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for one Whale-Boat used in the Colony's Service, and not returned: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Hopkins Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Rachel Cranston* laid before this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for nursing and boarding one *Hamilton*, a Prisoner, who was sick at her House: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Rachel Cranston*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Turner Miller* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for two Gallons and an Half of Rum, delivered Dr. *Turner*, for one *Hamilton*, a Prisoner, under his Care: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Turner Miller*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Philip Wilkinson* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Four Four-Pound Cannon, with Carriages, and a Quantity of Shot, delivered General *Hopkins*, for the Service of Government: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventy-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Philip Wilkinson*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Sands* presented unto this Assembly an Account, charged by him against the Colony, for Three double-fortified Three Pounders, by him furnished for the Use of the Government: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-seven Pounds* Lawful Money

Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Edward Sands*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Truman*  
allowed £ 3

WHEREAS *Dr. Thomas Truman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Attendance and dressing two Prisoners, wounded on *Prudence*, for Beef for the Use of the Light-Infantry, and for Cash, by him paid to two Men for assisting with their Whale-Boat, to get off the Light-Infantry and Grenadiers, from *Prudence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Seven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Truman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Simmons*  
allowed £ 37  
6 s. 2 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$

WHEREAS *Mr. Edward Simmons* laid before this Assembly four several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for the Iron-Work of Three Carriage Guns, and for sundry other Iron-Work for the Use of the Troops on *Rhode-Island*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-seven Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence Farthing* Lawful Money, and no more, be allowed on said Accounts; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Edward Simmons*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Treby* al-  
lowed 15 s.

WHEREAS *Mr. Wilkins Treby* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for One Pound of Twine, and putting in One Bolt of Duck into the Sails of the Galley *Washington*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Wilkins Treby*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Easton* al-  
lowed £ 6  
12 s.

WHEREAS *Mr. Nicholas Easton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Two Pair of Cart-Wheels, taken for the Use of the Troops on *Rhode-Island*, by Order of Col. *Richmond*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds*

*Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nicholas Easton*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Bourn* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Expences, Horse-Hire, and Attendance two Days on the General Assembly, by Order of his Honor the Governor, as an Evidence in the Case of Col. *Babcock*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound One Shilling* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Bourn*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Bourn* allowed £ 1 1

WHEREAS Mr. *John Pittman* presented unto this Assembly two several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for the Iron-Work of Three Gun-Carriages: And the said Accounts having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds One Shilling and Ninepence Halfpenny*, and no more, be allowed on said Accounts; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *John Pittman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Pittman* allowed £ 23 11 9 d. 1

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Davenport* exhibited unto this Assembly six several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for the Iron-Work of sundry Gun-Carriages, and for sundry Articles of Iron-Work, for the Use of the Troops stationed on *Rhode-Island*: And the said Accounts having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-six Pounds Eight Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, and no more, be allowed on said Accounts; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Samuel Davenport*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Davenpers* allowed £ 36 8 5 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for sundry Materials by him provided, and for Labour done on the Galley *Washington*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Child* allowed £ 18 2 6 d.

WHEREAS

*B. Bosworth* WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth* presented unto  
 allowed £ 25 this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the  
 7 s. 3 d. Colony, for his Time and sundry Expences that accrued in getting the Stock and Hay off the Island of *Prudence*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-five Pounds Seven Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money of said Account, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Benjamin Bosworth*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Pearce, jun.* WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Pearce, jun.* exhibited unto  
 allowed £ 7 this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the  
 10 s. Colony, for victualling the *Kentish* Guards and Militia from *East-Greenwich*, when going to *Prudence* on the late Alarm: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Samuel Pearce, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Gorton, jun.* WHEREAS Mr. *William Gorton, jun.* laid before this  
 allowed £ 1 11 s. Assembly an Account, by him charged against the  
 6 d. Colony, for making Hand-Barrows, by Order of Col. *Waterman*, and for victualling a Number of Soldiers at the Time of the Alarm at *Warwick Neck*, by Orders of the Colonels *Waterman* and *Low*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Gorton, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

*G. B. Allen* WHEREAS Mr. *George B. Allen* presented unto this  
 allowed £ 31 Assembly two several Accounts, by him charged against  
 2 s. 4 d. the Colony, for boarding a Number of Soldiers, belonging to Capt. *Zorobabel Westcott's* Company, for the Passages of a Number of Soldiers from *Prudence* to *Portsmouth*, for the Passages of Capt. *Bosworth* and five Privates from *Rhode-Island* to *Bristol*, and for the Passages of Capt. *Andrew Waterman*, and seven Privates, from *Prudence* to *Pawtuxet*: And the said Accounts having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Thirty-one Pounds Two Shilling*.

*Sbillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, and no more, be allowed on said Accounts; and that the same be paid unto the said *George B. Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been held at *South Kingstown*, in and for the County of *King's County*, the First Monday of *October* last past, fell through for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That said Court be revived, and that the First Monday in *June* next be and the same is hereby appointed for holding said Court at said *South-Kingstown*, in and for said County of *King's County*; and that all Processess, civil or criminal, that were to have been heard at said Term, be then and there heard and determined; and that all Executions returnable to said Term, be returned to said Court; and in Default thereof, the Parties aggrieved may call special Courts against either the Sheriff or his Deputy, who shall neglect to return such Executions, in the same Manner as by Law he might for not making Return of such Executions in due Season, if said Court had sat; that all Jurors who were returned to serve at said Term, be notified to attend at the present Court; and that this Act be immediately published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Waterman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Eight Reams of Paper delivered the Printer, for impressing the last Emission of the Lawful Money Bills: And the said Account being duly examined; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Militia of this Colony be and they are hereby excused from training for three Months, next after the Rising of this Assembly, and that they continue to exercise monthly after that Period.

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*I. R. Bliven* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Isaac Ross Bliven* be appointed a Surgeon's Mate to the Brigade raised by this Colony, and that he be commissioned upon Condition that he resigns his Commission as an Ensign.

Deputy-Governor to pay fundry Accounts. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be and he is hereby requested to pay unto *Stephen Smith* Nineteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Twopence, *John Kelly* Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and One Penny, *Joseph Read* Four Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny, *Joseph Reynolds* Six Pounds Ten Shillings and Eightpence, and *Daniel Bradford* Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence, being the Amount of their several Accounts against the Colony; and that the said several Sums be paid his Honor, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Lockwood* allowed 9  $7 \frac{3}{4}$  d. WHEREAS Mr. *Amos Lockwood* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Provisions, by him supplied for the Use of the Troops stationed at *Warwick Neck*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Shillings and Sevenpence Three Farthings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Amos Lockwood*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Gorton, jun.* allowed £ 1 19 s. WHEREAS Mr. *William Gorton, jun.* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for three Days and an Half Service, in making Hand-Barrows, by Order of Col. *Waterman*, and for victualling a Number of Soldiers at the Time of the Alarm at *Warwick Neck*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Gorton, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Stevens* allowed £ 1 4 s. 7 d. WHEREAS Mr. *William Stevens* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Express to *William Potter, Esq;* by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby



hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Stevens*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Simmons* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Iron-Work of the Carriage of a Three-Pound Cannon sent to *Tower-Hill*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Edward Simmons*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Simmons*  
allowed £ 5  
16 s. 4 d. ½

WHEREAS Mr. *William Pendleton* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Express to *New-London*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Pendleton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Pendleton*  
allowed £ 3  
6 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Friday* the Seventeenth Day of *May* inst. be observed as a Day of Fasting, and public Humiliation and Prayer, in and throughout the Colony, agreeable to a Resolve of the Continental Congress; that all servile Labour be forbidden on that Day; and that his Honor the Governor issue his Proclamations accordingly.

A Fast order-  
ed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going to *Boston*, to receive Six Prisoners, and for their Expences to *Providence*; for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Express to General *Washington*, by Order of his Honor the Governor, and for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Express to General *Washington*, by Order of General *Greene*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Pounds Eleven Shillings* and

*E. Burr* allowed £ 14  
11 s. 7 d. ½

and Sevenpence Halfpenny Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Cooke* to  
purchase  
Oxen.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *John Cooke* be employed to purchase Four Oxen for the Service of this Colony on *Conanicut*, and that they be used by Col. *Hoxsie* to plough as much of the Land on said Island, in the Possession of the Colony, as he shall think necessary for planting Potatoes for the Troops in the Service of the Colony, unless said Oxen be otherwise employed.

*W. Arnold*  
allowed £<sup>14</sup>..

WHEREAS Mr. *Welcome Arnold* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Express to Governor *Trumbull*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Welcome Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee  
to settle the  
Price of Cart-  
ing for the  
Troops.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Barker*, Esq; Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, and Lieutenant Col. *Lippitt*, be a Committee to settle the Price of Carting, the hiring of Oxen, Horses, and Teams, that have or shall be employed in the Service of this Colony.

Committee  
to erect a  
Powder-  
Mill.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Jenekes* and Mr. *John Waterman* be a Committee to purchase a proper Place, and erect a Powder-Mill thereon, at the Charge of the Colony; as soon as possible; and that they draw out of the General-Treasury *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, for that Purpose.

*D. W.*  
*Hockey* al-  
lowed £. 1  
6s. 6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel W. Hockey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in warning the Members of *Little Compton*, *Portsmouth* and *Middletown*, to meet in General Assembly, at March Session, A. D. 1776: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Six Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel W. Hockey*, out of the General-Treasury.

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An A C T in Addition to, and Amend-  
ment of, an Act made and passed  
by the General Assembly, at the Ses-  
sion held at *East-Greenwich*, on the  
Eighteenth Day of *March*, A. D.  
1776, entitled, "An Act for en-  
couraging the fixing out and autho-  
rizing armed Vessels to defend the  
Sea-Coast of *America*, and for erect-  
ing a Court to try and condemn  
all Vessels that shall be found infesting  
the same."

W H E R E A S since the said Act was made and passed, the Continental Congress, on the Twen-  
ty-third Day of *March*, A. D. 1776, permitting the  
Inhabitants of the Colonies to fit out armed Vessels,  
to cruize on the Enemies of the United Colonies, have  
*Resolved*,

Act in Ad-  
dition to, and  
Amend-  
ment of, the  
Prize-Act.

" THAT all Ships, and other Vessels, their Tackle,  
" Apparel and Furniture, and all Goods, Wares and  
" Merchandize, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabi-  
" tants of *Great Britain*, taken on the high Seas, or  
" between high and low-water Marks, by any armed  
" Vessels fitted out by any private Person or Persons,  
" and to whom Commissions shall be granted, and  
" being libelled and prosecuted in the Court erected  
" for the Trial of maritime Affairs, in any of these  
" Colonies, shall be deemed and adjudged to be law-  
" ful Prize ; and after deducting and paying the Wa-  
" ges of the Seamen and Mariners on board of such  
" Captures, as are Merchant Ships and Vessels, shall  
" be entitled to, according to the Terms of their Con-  
" tracts, until the Time of the Adjudication, shall  
" be condemned, to and for the Use of the Owner or  
" Owners, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners of  
" such armed Vessel, according to such Rules and Pro-  
" portions as they shall agree on. *Provided*, That this  
" Resolve shall not extend or be construed to extend  
" to any Vessel bringing Settlers, Arms, Ammunition,

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“ or warlike Stores, to and for the Use of the United  
 “ *American* Colonies, or to any of the Inhabitants  
 “ thereof, who are Friends to the *American* Cause, or  
 “ to such warlike Stores, or to the Effects of such  
 “ Settlers.

“ THAT all Ships or Vessels, with their Tackle,  
 “ Apparel and Furniture, Goods, Wares and Mer-  
 “ chandize, belonging to any Inhabitant of *Great-*  
 “ *Britain* as aforesaid, which shall be taken by any  
 “ Vessel or Vessels of War of the said United Colonies,  
 “ shall be deemed forfeited ; One Third, after deduct-  
 “ ing and paying the Wages of the Seamen and Ma-  
 “ riners as aforesaid, to the Officers and Men on  
 “ board, and Two Thirds to the Use of the said Unit-  
 “ ed Colonies.

“ THAT all Ships or Vessels, with their Tackle,  
 “ Apparel and Furniture, Goods, Wares and Mer-  
 “ chandize, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants  
 “ of *Great-Britain* as aforesaid, which shall be taken  
 “ by any Vessel or Vessels of War, fitted out by and  
 “ at the Expence of any of the United Colonies, shall  
 “ be deemed forfeited and divided, after deducting  
 “ and paying the Wages of the Seamen and Mariners  
 “ as aforesaid, in such Manner and Proportions as the  
 “ Assembly or Convention of such Colony shall direct.

“ THAT all Ships or Vessels, their Tackle, Apparel,  
 “ Furniture and Cargoes, belonging to any Inhabitant  
 “ or Inhabitants of *Great-Britain* as aforesaid, and al-  
 “ so all Vessels which shall be employed in carrying  
 “ Supplies to the ministerial Armies, which shall hap-  
 “ pen to be taken near the Shores of any of said Unit-  
 “ ed Colonies, by the People of the Country or any  
 “ Detachment of the *American* Army, shall be deem-  
 “ ed lawful Prize ; and the Court of Admiralty with-  
 “ in said Colony is hereby directed and required, on  
 “ Condemnation thereof, to adjudge that all Charges  
 “ and Expences, which may attend the Capture and  
 “ Trial, be first paid out of the Monies arising from  
 “ the Sales of the Prize, and the Remainder equally  
 “ divided among all those who shall have been actu-  
 “ ally engaged in taking said Prize. *Provided*, That  
 “ where any Detachments of the Army shall have  
 “ been employed as aforesaid, their Part of the Prize-  
 “ Money

“ Money shall be distributed among them in Proportion to the Pay of the Officers and Soldiers so engaged.”

THEREFORE, in Conformity to the aforesaid Resolves; *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That all Ships and Vessels, with their Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, Goods, Wares and Merchandize, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of *Great-Britain* as aforesaid, which shall be taken by any Vessels of War, fitted by and at the Expence of this Colony, shall be deemed forfeited, and divided, after deducting and paying the Wages of the Seamen and Mariners as aforesaid, in the following Manner and Proportions, *to wit*: One Third, after deducting and paying the Wages of the Seamen and Mariners as aforesaid, to the Officers and Men on board, and Two Thirds to the Use of this Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That all armed Vessels, taken by any Vessel fitted by and at the Expence of this Colony, and legally condemned, agreeable to this Act, after deducting the Charge of Condemnation, shall be divided in the following Manner and Proportions, *to wit*: One Half to the Officers and Men, and the other Half to the Use of the Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That upon Condemnation of any Vessel as aforesaid, the Judge shall give Three Months Notice for any Person owning said Vessel, so condemned, to lay in their Claims, and that no Division of said Vessels be made among the Owners of the Privateers, the Officers and Men, until Bond be given to the Judge for the refunding to the Claimants of said Vessel, upon their proving their Property, so much as shall be left, after paying Salvage and all lawful Cost.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Judge be, and he is hereby directed to proceed and govern himself, in all Trials at said Court, according to the aforesaid Resolves of the Congress, and the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, passed in *March 1776*.

*AND*

*AND be it further Enacted*, That whereas by said Act, passed in *March 1776*, the Attorney-General was appointed Advocate in said Court, which two Offices in one Person may prove incompatible; *Be it therefore Enacted*, That that Part of said Act be, and the same is hereby repealed.



*J. Cole* appointed Advocate of the Court of Admiralty.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Cole*, Esq; be, and he is hereby elected to the Office of Advocate of the Court erected for the Trial of maritime Causes within this Colony, for the Year ensuing.

Pay of the Artillery Companies established in the several Towns.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Artillery Companies established in the several Towns in this Colony, consisting of Fourteen Men each, be allowed and paid as follows, *to wit*: The Captain *Five Shillings*, the Lieutenant *Four Shillings*, each Private *Two Shillings per Day*, when on Duty; and that they be paid for exercising at other Times, as by Law already established.

Lead to be sent to *Warren*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Hundred Weight of Lead be allowed to the Town of *Warren*; and that the Committee who have the Colony's Lead in Possession, deliver the same to the Treasurer of said Town of *Warren*.

*J. Wallace* allowed £ 2 3 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Wallace* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to General *Washington*, by Order of Col. *Babcock*: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid the said *James Wallace*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Babcock* dismissed from the Command of his Regiment.

WHEREAS it hath incontestibly appeared to this Assembly, that *Henry Babcock*, Esq; Colonel of a Regiment in the Service of this Colony, is at Times deprived of the perfect Use of his Reason, and thereby rendered unfit to command: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Henry Babcock* be and he is hereby dismissed from the Command of the said Regiment, and that Office is hereby declared vacant.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; P. Phillips to pay into the General-Treasury the Sum of *Four Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds* Lawful Money, the same being for Guns appraised in *Col. Varnum's* Regiment, belonging to the Colony. pay £. 422 into the General-Treasury.

BOTH Houses, joined in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit* : Officers chosen.

*Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; Colonel, *Adam Comstock*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Christopher Olney*, Esq; Major, of the Second Regiment in the Colony's Brigade.

*William Barton*, Esq; Brigade-Major of the Colony's Brigade.

*William Ellery*, Esq; one of the Delegates to represent this Colony in the Continental Congress.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby empowered to appoint a Gunner for *Fort-Liberty*, upon *Goat-Island*, who shall have the Rank and Pay of a Lieutenant of Artillery in the Colony's Brigade, and be subject to the Commander thereof, and that he be commissioned accordingly. Governor to appoint a Gunner for Fort-Liberty.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That in case the Farm at *Jamestown*, late belonging to Governor *Hutchinson*, now in Possession of this Colony, shall not be let in Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, the Commanding Officer of the Troops on *Jamestown* make Use of the Rails on said Farm, and improve the Farm to the best Advantage for the Colony. Vote respecting the Rails on the Farm late Governor Hutchinson's.

THE Return of the Choice of Officers to command the Independent Company in *South-Kingstown*, called the *Kingston Reds*, was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit* : Officers for the Company of Kingston Regt.

*John Gardner*, Captain.

*Thomas Potter*, First-Lieutenant.

*Rouse J. Helme*, Second-Lieutenant.

*Rowland Brown*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and hereby are approved.

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*J. Gardner*  
appointed  
special Jus-  
tice of the Su-  
perior Court.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Gardner*, Esq; of *South-Kingstown*, be and he is hereby appointed a special Judge in the Causes of *Rayzel Smith*, and *John* and *Joseph Babcock*, and all other Causes reported up- on by *Metcalf Bowler*, *William Greene*, and *Simcon Perry*, Esquires, to *King's County Superior Court*, at *October Term*, 1775, in the Room of *Col. William Richmond*, heretofore appointed a special Judge in the same Causes, but now necessarily detained in the mi- litary Department, and that the said *John Gardner* be commissioned accordingly.

Officers of the  
United Artil-  
lery Company  
in *Providence*.

In Council was read the Return of the Choice of Officers, to command the United Company of the Train of Artillery in *Providence*, and is as follows, to wit :

*Daniel Tillinghast*, Colonel.  
*Levi Hall*, Lieutenant-Colonel.  
*Elihu Robinson*, Major.  
*Robert Taylor*, Captain.  
*Daniel Stillwell*, Lieutenant.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and hereby are approved.

Officers for  
the Cadet  
Company.

THE Return of the Officers chosen to command the Cadet Company in *Providence*, was read in Council, which is as follows, to wit :

*Joseph Nightingale*, Captain.  
*William Russell*, First-Lieutenant.  
*Nathaniel Greene*, Second-Lieutenant.  
*Ebenezer Thompson*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

Commanding  
Officer to pre-  
vent Damage  
being done  
by the Sol-  
diers.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commanding Officer in each Company of the *Rhode-Island* Brigade be, and he is hereby directed to prevent the Soldiers from doing any Damage to the Inhabitants of this Colony, by travelling over their plowed Land, or by any other Ways or Means whatsoever : That the Commanding Officer of said Brigade be also ordered to clear all the best Houses in *Newport* of the Troops ; and that the Commanding Officer of said Brigade be empowered and directed to station the Troops in  
such



such convenient empty Houses in *Newport*, as will be least liable to suffer Damage from the Soldiers, and least expensive to the Colony. *And it is further Resolved*, That this Act extend to *Jamestown*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John G. Wanson* be requested to take Copies of the Acts passed at last and this present Session of Assembly, respecting Damages done by the Soldiers in Houses belonging to private Persons, and for removing Soldiers out of the best Houses in *Newport*, into other convenient Houses, and to cause said Copies to be inserted in the *Newport Mercury*.

*J. G. Wanson* to publish Copies of certain Acts in the *Newspapers*.

WHEREAS the Continental Congress, on the Thirteenth Day of *April* last, did Resolve that Bohea Tea ought not to be sold in the smallest Quantity at a higher Price, in any Colony, than at the Rate of Three Fourths of a Dollar per Pound, and other Teas at such Price as shall be regulated by the Committees of the Town or County where the Tea is sold, and that all Persons who shall give or take a greater Price for it, ought to be considered as Enemies to the *American* Cause, and treated accordingly; and it was earnestly recommended to all Committees of Inspection and Observation, as well to be vigilant in carrying said Resolve into Execution, as those which prohibit the Importation of *India* Tea from any Part of the World; it being the Desire of Congress to exclude all Teas, except such as may make Part of the Cargoes of Prizes taken by the Ships of War or Privateers belonging to these Colonies: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of Inspection of the several Towns within this Colony, be required to see said Resolve strictly complied with; that they publish the Names of all Delinquents as Enemies to the Liberties of the *American* Colonies, and if in any Town within this Colony there is not any Committee of Inspection, the good People of said Town are requested to give Information to this Assembly of any Persons counter-acting said Resolve.

Committees of Inspection, &c. to carry into Execution the Resolves of Congress respecting Bohea Tea.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be and they or any Two of them are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Persons who have fitted out any Vessels upon the Colony's Account, to purchase

Committee to audit the Accounts of Persons who have fitted out Vessels on the Colony's Account.

purchase warlike Stores or Salt; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Officers of the  
Light-In-  
fantry Com-  
pany in New-  
port.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of Light-Infantry in *Newport*, which is as follows.

*Jabez Champlin*, Captain.

*Charles Spooner*, First-Lieutenant.

*Philip Moss*, Second-Lieutenant.

*Samuel Spooner*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

Committee to  
audit the  
Treasurer's  
Accounts.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Metcalf Bowler*, *John G. Wanton*, *John Jenckes*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Jabez Bowen*, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer with the Colony; and also to burn all the Lawful Money Bills and Treasurer's Notes, that may remain in the Treasurer's Hands; and that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Committee to  
enquire what  
Wages are  
given by the  
other Co-  
lonies to their  
Delegates.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs, *John Brown*, *Cromel Child*, *John G. Wanton*, and *Joshua Babcock*, be a Committee to enquire what Wages the several Colonies allow their Delegates, for attending on the Continental Congress, and make Report to next Session.

*J. Hazard*  
to proceed to  
*New-Shore-*  
*ham*, and  
apprehend *J.*  
*Wright*, and  
any other  
suspected Per-  
sons.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, that *John Wright*, of *New-Shoreham*, hath betrayed and delivered up to the Officers of a certain Ship of War, of the *British* King, two Seamen, who had deserted from said Ship, and by so doing hath manifestly shewn himself to be an Enemy to his Country; and whereas there may be some other Inhabitants of said *New-Shoreham* of suspected political Characters, *It is therefore Resolved*, That *Jonathan Hazard*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to proceed as soon as may be to said *New-Shoreham*, taking sufficient Aid, and apprehend said *John Wright*, and any other Persons who it shall appear to him have given any Supplies or Intelligence to the Ships of the said King, and confine the said *Wright*, and other such

such suspected Persons, in Gaol, that they may be brought before this Assembly, at their next Session, in order that they may be duly examined and passed upon; and that Mr. Hazard earnestly exhort the Inhabitants of *New-Sporeham* to remove off from the Island.

WHEREAS *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in removing the Stock, Corn and Hay, from *Jamestown*, for Monies advanced to the Committee, and for sundry other Expences that accrued in performing said Service: And the said Account having been duly examined by *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, a Committee appointed for that Purpose, who reported a Balance of *Ninety-five Pounds five Shillings and One Penny Farthing* due thereon to the said *Sylvester Gardner*; and the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that said Balance be paid the said *Sylvester Gardner*, out of the General-Treasury.



# An A C T for granting a Bounty upon Salt manufactured within this Colony.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That a Bounty of *three Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed, out of the General-Treasury, for every Bushel of Salt manufactured within this Colony, from the Rising of this Assembly, to the First Day of *November* next.

AND be it further Enacted, That Messieurs *Samuel Fowler*, *Amos Atwell*, *John Coddington*, *William Greene*, *Joseph Noyes*, *John Northup*, *Samuel Seagars*, *Job Comstock*, *Benjamin Underwood*, *Joseph Stanton*, jun. *Nicholas Easton*, *Shearjashub Bourn*, *John Cooke*, *Thomas Brownell*, *Cremel Child*, *Zurriel Waterman*, and *Edward Bosworth*, be and they or any one of them are hereby appointed to inspect the Salt so made; and if they or either of them shall approve of said Salt, and the Manufacturer thereof declare under Oath, before any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, or either

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of said Inspectors, who are hereby empowered to administer the same, that the Salt so inspected was by them manufactured within this Colony, within said Time, the said Inspector or Inspectors shall give such Manufacturer a Certificate of the Quantity of said Salt so manufactured, and of his or their Approbation thereof, which Certificate being produced to the General-Treasurer, the said Manufacturer shall be paid said Bounty, by the General-Treasurer.



Records, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Messieurs *Job Com-*  
to be remov- *stock and William Greene* be a Committee to receive of  
ed. the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature,  
Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, of the  
County of *Kent*, the Records, Files of Papers, Seal,  
and other Things belonging to the Office of said Clerk,  
and deliver them to the present Clerk, giving and  
taking Receipts for the same: And that the same  
Committee receive of the late Clerk of the Inferior  
Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the  
Peace of said County, the Records, Files of Papers,  
Seal and other Things belonging to the Office of said  
Clerk, and deliver them to the present Clerk, giving  
and taking Receipts for the same.

Governor to *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That his Honor the Go-  
write to Mr. vernor be requested to write to Mr. *Thomas Cushing*,  
*Cushing.* informing him of the Receipt of his Letter; and that  
this Colony, in case the *Massachusetts* Colony shall be  
invaded, will assist them to defend the said Colony in  
the best Manner we can.

Towns to be *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the following Towns  
supplied with be supplied with the following Quantities of Powder  
Powder and and Lead respectively, *to wit:*  
Lead.

<i>Coventry</i>	100 lb. of Powder, and 200 lb. of Lead.
<i>Scituate</i>	250 600
<i>Smithfield</i>	200 400
<i>Gloucester</i>	150 300
<i>North-Providence</i>	60 120
<i>Johnston</i>	80 160

*Westerly*

<i>Westerly</i>	lb. of Powder, and 100 lb. of Lead.	
<i>Cumberland</i>	100	200
<i>West-Greenwich</i>	50	100
<i>Cranston</i>	50	100
<i>Portsmouth</i>		200
<i>Exeter</i>	50	50

THAT the same be delivered to the Town-Treasurers of each respective Town, out of the Colony's Magazine, by the Committee appointed for that Purpose; and that if any Town had rather have Cartridges than Powder and Lead, they shall have Liberty to receive the same.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colony purchase of Mr. *John Brown* and Company Twenty-three or Twenty-four Nine Pound Cannon, which are already cast. Colony to purchase *J. Brown's* Cannon.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* be and he is hereby appointed to attend the Sale of the Salt lately taken by the armed Gallies of this Colony (if the same shall be condemned) and to bid for the same, in Behalf of the Colony, to such a Sum per Bushel as he shall think prudent. *J. Smith* to purchase Salt taken by the Gallies.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixty Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid to *William Ellery*, Esq; appointed a Delegate in the Continental Congress, out of the General-Treasury, to defray his present Expenses; and that he account for the same to the General Assembly. *W. Ellery* allowed £ 60.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor or Deputy-Governor, and the Members of the General Council, Five of whom to be a Quorum, together with such of the Deputies belonging to the respective Towns in this Colony as may attend, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to act and transact such Business as the Exigency of public Affairs during the Recess of the General Assembly may require, and to advise his Honor therein; and that all Orders by them made and issued, and all other their Transactions, be laid before the next Session of the General Assembly. Committee to act in the Recess of the Assembly.

Committee to  
place the Co-  
lony's Can-  
non on Car-  
riages.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Half of the Nine Pound Cannon, purchased of *Nicholas Brown* and Company, be immediately mounted on Field-Carriages, and the other Half on Carriages suitable for a Battery : That they be ready to be placed in such Places as the General Assembly may order at their next Session : That the Four Eighteen Pound Cannon be mounted on Carriages suitable for a Battery : That Messieurs *Cromel Child*, *John Collins*, *Edward Church*, and *Thomas Corey*. be a Committee for that Purpose, and that Twelve of said Cannon be sent to *Newport*.

Inhabitants  
of *New-  
Shoreham* re-  
stricted from  
coming to  
any Place,  
except *New-  
port*.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Island of *New-Shoreham*, from their exposed and defenceless Situation, are in the Power of the Enemy's Ships of War ; and although in general they are well affected to the common Cause of *America*, yet, as in all other Places, there are no Doubt some among them, who for the Lucre of Gain will supply the Enemy with Provisions, and give them all the Intelligence in their Power : This Assembly therefore, not doubting but the Inhabitants of that Island will see the Necessity of preventing the Enemy from receiving Supplies, and gaining Intelligence, and chearfully acquiesce in the Measure, *Do Vore and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That no Person or Persons be permitted to come from the said Island, to any other Place than to *Newport*, to bring their Fish or Produce to Market : That they be not permitted to purchase any more Provisions, or other Necessaries, than shall be permitted them by the Committee appointed by this Act, who are hereby directed not to suffer any to go upon the said Island, but such as are immediately necessary for the internal Consumption of the Inhabitants : That if any Inhabitant of that Island shall be found in any other Part of the Colony saving *Newport*, he shall be immediately confined to Gaol, and there be kept until the next succeeding Session of the General Assembly, to which he shall be brought, to be dealt with according to his Demerits : That if any Person shall be detected in carrying, or in attempting to carry, upon the said Island any Provision or Necessaries, excepting such as shall be allowed by said Committee, he shall be considered as a Person supplying the Enemy, contrary to Law, and shall suffer the Pains and Penalties in such Case

Cafe provided ; and that Messieurs *John Collins, George Sears,* and *John G. Wanton,* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the aforeſaid Purpoſes.

*IT is Voted and Reſolved,* That Meſſieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene,* and *Gideon Mumford,* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Mr. *Nicholas Power* with the Colony. Committee to audit the Accounts of N. Power.

*IT is Voted and Reſolved,* That the Election of Officers not choſen at the preſent Session, be referred to the next : And that, in the mean Time, the Perſons now ſuſtaining ſuch Offices, be and they are hereby continued in their reſpective Offices, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had. Officers continued.

*IT is Voted and Reſolved,* That all Buſineſs lying before this Aſſembly unfinished, be and the ſame is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publiſh the Acts and Orders now made and paſſed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence,* within Ten Days after the Riſing of this Aſſembly, and in Thirty ſend Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in this Colony, by him to be tranſmitted to the ſeveral Town-Clerks in the County : And that this Aſſembly be adjourned to the Second *Monday* in *June* next, then to meet in the Town of *Newport.* Adjournment.

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HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

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WITNESS











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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden by **Adjournment** at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the second *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Gov.*

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;  
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;  
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;  
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

<i>The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.</i>	
NEWPORT:	CHARLESTOWN:
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gideon</i> )	Capt. Joseph Stanton, <i>jun.</i>
Mr. Samuel Fowler,	Jonathan Hazard, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. George Sears,	WEST-GREENWICH:
Gideon Wanton, <i>Esq;</i>	Thomas Tillinghast, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Thomas Freebody,	Judiah Aylesworth, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. Joseph Belcher.	COVENTRY:
PROVIDENCE:	Ephraim Westcot, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. Jonathan Arnold,	Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.
Mr. John Brown,	EXETER:
Mr. John Smith,	George Peirce, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. Amos Atwell.	MIDDLETOWN:
PORTSMOUTH:	Mr. Joshua Barker,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. Nicholas Easton.
Mr. Jonathan Cornell,	BRISTOL:
Mr. John Coddington,	Shearjashub Bourn, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Thurston.	Col. Nathaniel Pearce.
WARWICK:	TIVERTON:
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Gideon Almy,
Charles Holden, <i>Esq;</i>	Col. John Cook.
Col. John Waterman.	LITTLE-COMPTON:
WESTERLY:	Capt. Thomas Brownel,
Major-General Joshua Babcock,	Mr. Daniel Wilbur.
Col. Joseph Noyes.	WARREN:
NEW-SHOREHAM:	Mr. Cromel Child,
Mr. Joshua Sands,	Col. Sylvester Child.
Mr. Edward Sands, <i>jun.</i>	CUMBERLAND:
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
John Northup, <i>Esq;</i>	Capt. Elisha Waterman.
Major Sylvester Gardner.	RICHMOND:
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	Major Richard Bailey.
Mr. Samuel Seagar,	CRANSTON:
Mr. Samuel Babcock.	Andrew Harris, <i>Esq;</i>
EAST-GREENWICH:	Zuriel Waterman, <i>Esq;</i>
Job Comstock, <i>Esq;</i>	HOPKINTON:
Thomas Shippey, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. John Larkin,
JAMESTOWN:	Thomas Wells, <i>Esq;</i>
Capt. Samuel Carr,	JOHNSTON:
Benjamin Underwood, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. John Fenner,
SMITHFIELD:	Peleg Williams, <i>Esq;</i>
Daniel Mowry, <i>jun. Esq;</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Capt. Andrew Waterman.	Major Thomas Olney,
SCITUATE:	Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, <i>jun.</i>
Mr. Christopher Potter.	BARRINGTON:
GLOUCESTER:	Edward Bosworth, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. Chad Brown.	Capt. Thomas Allen.

JOSIAS LYNDON, - *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Peckham* exhibited *H. Peckham*  
an Account, by him charged against the Co- allowed £ 7  
lony, for repairing Mr. *John Banister's* House: And 10s.  
the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and*  
*Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and  
that *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being  
the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Henry Peck-*  
*ham*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons at whose Allowance to  
Houses the Piquet-Guard kept in *Middletown*, the the Persons  
Winter and Spring last past, be and they are hereby at whose  
allowed *Twopence* Lawful Money *per* Night, for each Houses the  
and every Soldier, who kept at said Houses as a Piquet-Guard  
Piquet-Guard, during said Time: That the Owners was kept in  
of said Houses be accountable for what Wood they *Middletown*.  
received of the Colony; and that the Money be  
paid by the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Metcalf Bowler*, *John Jenckes*, Report of the  
*Jabez Bowen*, *Thomas Greene*, and *John G. Wanton*, were Committee  
appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of who audited  
*Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer; and they the Accounts  
having presented to this Assembly the following State of the Gene-  
ral-Treasurer,  
of his Account, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

Dr. The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. with *Joseph*  
*Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer,

1776.

<i>June</i> . To Lawful Money Bills	}	£. 7318 15 6
dated <i>May</i> 3, 1775,		
delivered the Com- mittee and burnt,		
Interest on Ditto,		144 16 8½
		<hr/> £ 7463 12 2½
To Lawful Money Bills	}	3402 9 2
of <i>June</i> 16, 1775, de- livered the Committee		
and burnt,		
Interest on Ditto,		56 18 10½
		<hr/> £ 3459 8 0½
		To

June, 1776.

To Lawful Money Bills } of June 29, 1775, burnt, }	£ 3833 15 10½			
Interest on Ditto,	60 13 11½			
	<hr/>	£ 3894 9 10½		
To 103 Treasurer's Notes given for Old Tenor redeemed and burnt, Interest in- cluded, }		1972 11 9		
To 17 Treasurer's Notes given for Law- ful Money redeemed and burnt, Interest included, }		325 11 11		
To the Amount of Charges contained in my Book, kept in alphabetical Order, against the Colony, }		23183 11 5		
To Lawful Money Bills emitted February 1767, }		1 18 6		
To Ditto March 1766,		0 12 11		
To Ditto April 1762,		5 0		
To Interest on Ditto,		0 1 2½		
To a Lawful Money Bill, Nov. 1762, Old Tenor,	£ 33 0 0	0 0 3		
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To a Note given by Tho- mas Richardson, Esq; }	£ 1 4 0			
To Interest on Ditto,	0 13 6½			
	<hr/>	1 17 6½		
To Cash paid Metcalf Bowler, Esq; one } of the Committee of Safety, }	£ 11131	0 11		
To Ditto paid William Bradford, Esq; as Ditto,	3001	0 0		
To Ditto paid Stephen Mumford, as Ditto,	2050	0 0		
To Ditto paid Daniel Tillinghast, as Ditto,	8891	5 0		
To Ditto paid John Smith, as Ditto,	11475	1 3		
To Ditto paid John Northup, as Ditto,	4356	14 3		
To Ditto paid Jacob Greene, as Ditto,	2331	12 0		
To Ditto paid John Cook, as Ditto,	1440	16 0		
To Ditto paid Joseph Stanton, jun. as Ditto,	3699	4 0		
To Ditto paid Nathan Miller, Esq; Com- missary, }	14823	10 1		
To Ditto paid William Greene, Esq; to fit a Vessel after Salt, }	330	0 0		
To Ditto paid Metcalf Bowler, Esq; and George Irish, to fit a Vessel after Salt, }	500	0 0		
				To

June, 1776.

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To Ditto delivered the Inspectors of Salt-Petre,	£	539	17	4
To Ditto paid <i>Henry Ward</i> , Esq; from <i>Sept. 1775</i> , to <i>June 5, 1776</i> ,		157	6	0
To Ditto paid <i>John Waterman</i> , towards the Powder-Mill,		50	0	0
To one Year's Salary, for my Service as Treasurer, from <i>May 5, 1775</i> , to <i>May 1776</i> ,		90	0	
		105	17	5½
Balance due to the Colony, in Law-ful Money,		194	28	19 2½
To Ditto in Old Tenor, £ 2556 5 1½				
	£	2589	5	1½
	£	124600	6	7½

1775. Cr.

Nov. 6. By Balance due, as appears by Account audited <i>Sept. 30, 1775</i> ,	£	4245	11	1½
Ditto, in Old Tenor, £ 2589 5 1½				
17. By Cash received of <i>Daniel Mowry</i> , Esq; for Stock sold at the Camp at Cambridge, the 6th Inst.		800	18	2½
By Ditto of Col. <i>Daniel Hitchcock</i> , being Money overpaid by the Committee of Safety to the Soldiers in his Regiment,		52	2	6

1776.

Jan. 6. By Cash received of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , <i>Thomas Greene</i> , and <i>Gideon Mumford</i> , who were sent to <i>Philadelphia</i> , to bring the Continental Money from thence,		357	60	0 0
14. By Cash received of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , which he received at <i>Philadelphia</i> , on General <i>Hopkins's</i> Order,		250	0	0
18. By Ditto received from <i>Joseph Hexfie</i> , per the Hands of <i>James Congdon</i> , 3d, in Part of the Sale of Sheep carried from <i>New-Shorcham</i> to <i>Charlestown</i> ,		103	9	4¾

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By Ditto received of Dr. Babcock and Company, for Sheep sold by them, brought from <i>New-Shoreham</i> ,		£	39	10	0
Feb. 6. By Ditto received of <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods, formerly the Property of <i>Gilbert Deblois</i> , as per two Receipts,			639	4	2
19. By Ditto received of <i>James Congdon</i> , 3d, on Account of <i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , for Sale of Sheep in <i>Charlestown</i> , brought from <i>New-Shoreham</i> ,			39	17	2
By Ditto received the 6th Instant, in Silver and Gold, from <i>William Rhodes</i> , per the Hands of Mr. <i>John Jenckes</i> ,			610	4	6
Mar. 11. By Cash received of <i>George Irish</i> , in Gold, to supply the Army at <i>Quebec</i> ,			188	18	0
14. By Ditto received of Col. <i>Thomas Church</i> ,			613	10	0
16. By Ditto received from <i>William Pot- ter</i> , by the Hands of <i>Ambrose Page</i> , Esq;			82	0	0
17. By Ditto received of <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods formerly the Property of <i>Gilbert Deblois</i> ,			342	2	3
28. By Ditto received of <i>Stephen Mum- ford</i> , Esq; for the Use of the Army at <i>Quebec</i> ,			20	15	4½
Apr. 10. By Ditto received of <i>Metcalf Bowler</i> , Esq; in Gold, for Ditto,			131	9	1
26. By Ditto received of <i>James Congdon</i> , 3d, for Ditto,			2	17	6
By Ditto received from <i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , per the Hands of <i>James Congdon</i> , 3d, on Account of Sheep from <i>Black- Island</i> ,			7	12	3½
By Cash received of <i>Stephen Mum- ford</i> , Esq; for the Use of the Army at <i>Quebec</i> ,			30	0	0
May 6. By Ditto received of <i>Jefias Lyndon</i> , Esq; for Ditto,			12	10	0
					By



	By Ditto received of <i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq; for Guns, appraised in Col. <i>Var-</i> <i>num's</i> Regiment,	} £ 422 0 0
May 11.	By Ditto received of <i>Metcalf Bow-</i> <i>ler</i> , Esq; for the Supply of the Army at <i>Quebec</i> ,	} 90 1 0
13.	By Ditto received of Col. <i>Daniel</i> <i>Tillinghast</i> , for Ditto,	} 5 14 0
14.	By Ditto received of <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; for Ditto,	} 30 0 0
27.	By Ditto received of <i>James Hill</i> , for Goods formerly the Property of <i>Gilbert Deblois</i> ,	} 80 0 0
1775.		
Oct. 31.	By Lawful Money Bills emitted at <i>Providence</i> ,	} 20000 0 0
1776.		
Jan. 8.	By Ditto emitted at Ditto,	40000 0 0
Mar. 18.	By Ditto emitted at <i>East-Greenwich</i> ,	20000 0 0
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		£ 124600 6 7½
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WE the Subscribers, with *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; being appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, do report, that we find a Balance of *Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Twopence One Farthing* Lawful Money; and the Sum of *Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* Old Tenor, due to the Colony, agreeable to the above Account.

JOHN JENCKES,  
JABEZ BOWEN,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
JOHN G. WANTON.

*Providence, May 31, 1776.*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS

June, 1776,

*J. Greene's*  
Account au-  
dited.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford*, were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Jacob Greene, Esq;* one of the Committee of Safety, and they having presented to this Assembly the following State of his Account, and the Report thereon, *to wit:*

*Dr. Jacob Greene, Esq;* one of the Committee of Safety,  
to the Colony of *Rhode-Island.*

1776.  
May 25. To Amount of Cash you received of the  
General-Treasurer, per his Certificate } £2331 12 0  
dated May 25,  
To Amount of fundry Deductions, 80 3 6½

Balance due to *Jacob Greene,*

2412 0 6½

377 19 2½

2789 19 9

1776. Cr.  
May 25. By Amount of your Account, 840 11 5½  
By Amount of one other Account, 81 19 8  
By Amount of your other Account, for }  
Two Field-Pieces, 74 16 5  
By Amount of the Muster-Roll of Capt. *Job* }  
*Peirce's* Company, 661 13 0  
By Ditto Capt. *Thomas Gorten's* Company, 369 4 4  
By Ditto Capt. *Josiah Gibbs's* Company, 392 14 3  
By Amount of Account of *Nathaniel Greene* }  
and Company, 53 3 4  
By Amount of Galley *Washington's* Ac- }  
count, 186 12 3½

2760 13 9

7 10 0

By Commissions on £ 500 at 1½ per Cent.

By Commissions on £ 2260 13 9  
at 1 per Cent.

Deduct 80 8 6

£2180 5 3

at 1 per Cent.

21 16 0

*East-Greenwich, May 25, 1776.*

Errors excepted, for *Jacob Greene,* £ 2789 19 9

Per WILLIAM GREENE,

Dr.

Dr. *Jacob Greene*, Esq; his Account Current with  
the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1776.

May 25. To Amount of Cash you received of the  
General-Treasurer, on Account of Out-  
fits, Cargo and Loss of the Sloop *Mary-  
land*, for Salt, as *per* Certificate from the  
Treasurer of this Date, } £ 435 0 0  
Balance due to *Jacob Greene*, } 10 14 13

£ 445 14 10

1776.

Cr.

May. By Amount of your Account for Cargo  
and Outfits of the Sloop *Maryland*, for  
Salt, } £ 185 1 4

By Amount of the Value of said Sloop  
(taken by a Man of War) as appraised  
by Col. *Richard Fry*, and Mr. *Robert  
Stevens*, which appears by the Charter-  
Party, } 255 0 0

By Three Months Interett on £ 255, from  
Commencement of the Charter-Party, Jan.  
24, 1776, to April 24th following, being  
the Time of the Captain's Arrival home, } 3 16 6  
as *per* Agreement in Charter-Party,

By Commissions on £ 185 1s. 4d. at 1 *per Cent.* 1 17 0  
*East-Greenwich*, May 25, 1776.

Errors excepted for *Jacob-Greene*, £ 445 14 10

*Per* WILLIAM GREENE.

THIS 25th of May, A. D. 1776, we carefully ex-  
amined and finished all the above Accounts.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,

THOMAS GREENE,

GIDEON MUMFORD.

MEMORANDUM. *William-Sweet*, jun. Captain of the  
Sloop *Maryland*, saved the Cash which he carried out  
with him, and brought it home, amounting to *One  
Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars*.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, *It  
is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and  
C hereby

hereby is accepted ; and that the Balance mentioned therein, being *Three Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and One Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jacob Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Greene* to  
pay £ 38 11 s.  
6 d.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; did sell and dispose of 2939 lb. Weight of Hides upon the Colony's Account, which amounted to *Thirty-eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Greene* be and he is hereby directed to pay the aforesaid Sum into the General-Treasury.

*R. Peckham*  
allowed £ 3  
5 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Ruth Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for boarding and nursing *George Hamilton*, a wounded Prisoner, taken at *Prudence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Three Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ruth Peckham*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Greenman*  
to receive the  
Wages of his  
Son, who is a  
Minor.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Greenman* preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that his Son, *Wilson Greenman*, being about eighteen Years of Age, in the Month of *October*, A. D. 1775, enlisted as a Minute-Man, under Capt. *Andrew Waterman*; and served as such upon *Rhode-Island*, until about the Eighth Day of *December*, A. D. 1775, when he was discharged by the said Captain : That his said Son, being a Minor, he the said *William* is entitled to receive one Half Part of his Wages : That the said Capt. *Waterman* refuses to pay the same ; and that on the Tenth Day of said *December*, the said *Wilson* was taken and carried on board one of the King's Ships, where he is now detained as a Prisoner : And thereupon the said *William* prayed this Assembly to order and direct the said Capt. *Waterman* to pay the whole of said Wages to him, or such Part as this Assembly should think meet.

WHEREUPON

WHEREUPON this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That Capt. *Andrew Waterman* pay unto the Petitioner (*William Greenman*) all the Wages that now remain due and unpaid, for the said *Wilson's* Services.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be and they are hereby directed to make Enquiry what Salt is in the Colony, belonging to the Government, and what the same cost, including the Vessels and Carriages which were lost, as well as those which returned safe; and make Report to this Assembly by *Friday Morning* next, at farthest.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* do, and he is hereby directed to take immediate Possession of the Tan-Yard, Vats, Leather, Stock of Hides, and every thing else in the Tan-Yard in *Newport* belonging to *George Rome*, for the Use of the Colony.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Gwin* exhibited to this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for nursing *George Hamilton*, a wounded Prisoner, taken at *Prudence*; and for lodging Soldiers: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eleven Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Mary Gwin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Cremel Child* be and he is hereby directed to make suitable wooden Wheels to the Ship Gun-Carriages he is employed to make for the Colony; and that Mr. *Edward Church* make such Wheels for the Carriages he is employed to make for the Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *William Sweet*, jun. do and he is hereby directed to pay into the General-

*W. Sweet, jun.* neral-Treasury the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy-five*  
 to pay 175 *Dollars*, now in his Hands belonging to the Colony :  
 Dollars into That the General-Treasurer apply to said *Sweet* for the  
 the General- same; and in case of Neglect or Refusal, sue for the  
 Treasury. same to the then next Inferior Court in the Colony.

*J. Lasell* al- WHEREAS *Mr. John Lasell*, of *Providence*, preferred  
 lowed £ 18. his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That he was  
 appointed to ride Post from *Providence* to *New-London*,  
 for One Year, at the Price of *One Hundred and Eighty-five*  
*Dollars* : That being so appointed, he purchased two  
 Horses, and otherwise equipt himself for the said Service:  
 That he performed the same with Care and Fidelity for  
 the Space of Three Months, when he was superseded by  
*Mr. Benjamin Mumford*, who was appointed by *William*  
*Goddard*, Esq; Surveyor of the Post-Offices: That the  
 Petitioner has sustained considerable Damage by the Ex-  
 pence of equipping himself in Manner as aforesaid:  
 Wherefore he besought this Assembly to consider the  
 same, and grant him such a Sum to compensate for his  
 Damages sustained as should seem meet: Whereupon  
 this Assembly appointed Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*,  
*Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, to enquire into the  
 Premises, who made the following Report: " We have  
 " made careful Enquiry into the subject Matter of the  
 " above Petition, and from the best Information we can  
 " get concerning it, are of Opinion, that the Damage  
 " sustained by the Petitioner is equal to *Eighteen Pounds*  
 " Lawful Money, which Sum we think he is entitled  
 " to." And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted*  
*and Resolved*, That the above Report be and hereby is  
 accepted; and that the aforesaid Sum of *Eighteen Pounds*  
 Lawful Money be paid unto the said *John Lasell*, out  
 of the General-Treasury.

*W. Greene's* WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas*  
 Accounts set- *Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, were appointed a Com-  
 tled. mittee to audit the Accounts of *William Greene*, Esq;  
 who fitted out a Vessel to purchase Salt for the Colony;  
 and they having presented unto this Assembly the  
 Accounts of the said *William Greene*, with the following  
 State thereof, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

Dr.

Dr. *William Greene, Esq;* his Account with the Colony  
of *Rhode-Island.*

1776.

May 25. To Amount of Cash you received of  
the General-Treasurer, as *per* Account,  
*to wit:*

Jan. 19. Cash,	—	—	£	200	0	0
May 14. Ditto,	—	—		130	0	0

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330 0 0

To Cash you received of Capt. *Cassey,*

62 14 7

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£ 392 14 7

1776.

Cr.

May 25. By Amount of your Account of Cargo and Outfits of Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , and Amount of Portage-Bill, and inward Chargès,	}	£ 314 11 4½
By Amount of your Commissions on the above Sum, at 1 <i>per Cent.</i>		
Balance due to the Colony,		75 0 2½

*East-Greenwich, May 25, 1776.*

£ 392 14 7

Errors excepted,

*Per* WILLIAM GREENE.

THIS 25th of *May, 1776,* we carefully examined the above mentioned Account, and stated as above.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be and is hereby accepted; and that the Balance mentioned therein, being *Seventy-five Pounds and Twopence Half-penny* Lawful Money, be paid by the said *William Greene,* into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene,* and *Gideon Mumford,* who were appointed a *J. Smith's* Committee Account.

June, 1776.

Committee to audit the Account of Mr. *John Smith*, one of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly the Account of Particulars charged by the said *John Smith*, and also the following general State thereof, *to wit* :

Dr. *John Smith*, Esq; his Account Current with the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1776.

Feb. 7. To Amount of Cash you received of the } £ 535<sup>0</sup> 1 3  
General-Treasurer, as *per* Certificate, }  
To an Overcharge in Account, 1 4 3

Balance due to *John Smith*,

535<sup>1</sup> 5 6  
13 17 6

536<sup>5</sup> 3 0

1776.

Cr.

Feb. 7. By Amount of your Account within, £. 536<sup>5</sup> 3 0  
*Providence, February 7, 1776.*

Errors excepted,

*Per* JOHN SMITH.

THIS 7th Day of *February*, settled and adjusted the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD

THOMAS GREENE,

GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that *Thirteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *John Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Jenckes's*  
Account ad-  
justed.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of Mr. *John Jenckes*, for fitting out the Sloops *Liberty*, *Diamond*, and *Sally*, for warlike Stores for the Colony : And they having presented unto this Assembly the Account of Particulars of the said *John Jenckes*, and the following State of his Account, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

Dr.



Dr. *John Jenckes*, Esq; his Account Current with the  
Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1776.

Jan. 13. To Cash you received of the General- Treasurer, per his Certificate,	}	£ 3811 13 6
To Amount of 100 Barrels of Flour charged by <i>John Smith</i> ,		
Balance due to <i>John Jenckes</i> ,		
		462 11 5½
		<hr/> £ 4460 9 5½

1776.

Cr.

Jan. 13. By Amount of Cargo and Outfits of the Sloop <i>Liberty</i> , <i>Christopher Whipple</i> , Master,	}	£ 1011 5 6
By Amount of your Account of the Cargo and Outfits of Sloop <i>Diamond</i> , <i>Samuel Sowle</i> , Master,		
By Amount of your Account of Cargo and Outfits of Sloop <i>Sally</i> , <i>Nathaniel</i> <i>Packard</i> , Master,		
		2568 16 10
		880 7 1½
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*Providence*, February 13, 1776.

Errors excepted,

£ 4460 9 5½

Per JOHN JENCKES.

*Providence*, February 13, 1776. Then settled and  
adjusted the above Account, by Order of the Honorable  
the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, *It is  
Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby  
is accepted; and that the Balance mentioned therein,  
being *Four Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Eleven Shil-  
lings and Fivepence One Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid  
unto the said *John Jenckes*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Belcher* exhibited unto this *J. Belcher al-*  
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Co- lowed £ 711.  
lony, for Copper-Ware and other Necessaries supplied <sup>8d.</sup>  
the Row-Galley *Spitfire* with, and also for divers Articles  
for

for the Use of the Soldiery: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Pounds One Shilling and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. G. Wanton,*  
*J. Jenckes,*  
*J. Bowen,*  
and *T. Greene,*  
allowed £ 9  
6 s.

WHEREAS Messieurs *John G. Wanton, John Jenckes, Jabez Bowen,* and *Thomas Greene*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Time and Trouble in settling the Accounts of the General-Treasurer: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Six Shillings*, be paid to them in the following Manner, *to wit*: To Mr. *John G. Wanton*, *Four Pounds Four Shillings*, Mr. *John Jenckes*, *Thirty Shillings*, Mr. *Jabez Bowen*, *Thirty Shillings*, Mr. *Thomas Greene*, *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, out of the General-Treasury.

Sheriff of  
*Newport* to  
take Possession  
of *G. Rome's*  
Estate in *New-*  
*port*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* do and he is hereby directed to take immediate Possession of a Lot of Land, with two Dwelling-Houses thereon, lying in *Newport*, on the south Side of the Parade, being the Estate of *George Rome*, to and for the Use of the Colony: That the said Sheriff likewise take into his Possession, for the Use of the Colony, all other the Estate of the said *George Rome*, lying in the County of *Newport*, which hath not already been seized: And that the Tenants of the Estate aforesaid account for all Arrearages of Rent to the Colony.

Report upon  
*D. Tilling-*  
*bast's* Ac-  
count.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene,* and *Gideon Mumford*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Daniel Tillingbast*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly the Account of Particulars, charged by the said *Daniel Tillingbast*, and also the following general State of his Account, *to wit*:

Dr.

Dr. Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*, his Account Current with  
the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1776.

Jan. 11. To Cash you received of the General- Treasurer, as per Certificate,	} £ 2265 0 0
To Amount of fundry Errors in charging and casting,	} 36 17 10½
Balance due to <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> ,	105 10 7½
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	£ 2407 8 6

1776.

Cr.

Jan. 11. By Amount of your Account,	£ 2376 3 1½
By Commissions on £ 1500, at 1. per Cent.	} 22 10 0
By Commissions on £ 876, at 1 per Cent.	8 15 4½
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Providence, February 11, 1776.

£ 2407 8 6

Errors excepted,

Per DANIEL TILLINGHAST.

Providence, February 11, 1776. Then settled and  
adjusted the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the aforesaid Premises being duly considered,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be  
and the same is hereby accepted; and that *One Hundred and Five Pounds Ten Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Balance of the  
aforesaid Account, be paid the said *Daniel Tillinghast*,  
out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Thomas Greene*, who were appointed a Committee to audit  
the Accounts of *John Northup*, Esq; with the Colony, as one of the Committee of Safety; and for fitting out  
the Brigantine *Nancy*, to procure Salt for the Colony, laid before this Assembly an Account of the Particulars charged by the said *John Northup*, and also the  
following general State of his Account, to wit:

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Dr.

Dr. *John Northup*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1776.				
May 25.	To Amount of Cash your received of the General-Treasurer, as <i>per</i> his Certificate,		£ 4356	14 3
	To Amount of sundry Deductions made,		2	9 10
	To Amount of your Account of Credit for Tallow, &c. as <i>per</i> your Account given in,		8	1 3
	Balance due to <i>John Northup</i> ,		120	16 1½
			£ 4488	1 5½

1776.	Cr.			
May 25.	By Amount of your Account from the 29th of <i>November</i> , 1775, to <i>Jan.</i> 16, 1776, as <i>per</i> Account,		£ 843	0 0
	By Amount of your Account to this Day,		3274	12 1½
	By Amount of the Balance due on the <i>Brigantine Nancy's</i> Outfits and Charges, for Salt, as <i>per</i> Account adjusted,		325	1 6½
	By Commissions on £ 843, at 1½ <i>per Cent.</i>		12	12 10
	By Ditto on £ 3274, 12 1½ at 1 <i>per Cent.</i>		32	14 11
			£ 4488	1 5

*East-Greenwich*, May 25, 1776.

Errors excepted,

*Per* JOHN NORTHUP.

THIS 25th Day of *May* settled and adjusted the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Balance of *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid the laid *John Northup*, out of the General-Treasury: That he pay into the General-Treasury the Sum of *Thirty-seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, in Gold, being so much brought in the laid *Brigantine Nancy*, and receive Lawful Money Bills in Lieu thereof, the General-Treasurer allowing

allowing him for the Loss of Weight in the Gold ; and that he sell to the best Advantage all the Goods remaining in his Hands belonging to the Colony, excepting a Quantity of Duck, two Muskets and two Blunderbusses, which are to be put on board the Row-Gallies.

WHEREAS Major *Richard Bailey* purchased for the Use of the Town of *Richmond* a Quantity of Lead ; which being duly examined into, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the said Major *Richard Bailey* be and he is hereby allowed the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Sum he paid for said Lead ; and that the Sum aforesaid, be paid unto the said Major *Richard Bailey*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Bailey* allowed £ 4 10 s 4 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Setb Snell* exhibited to this Assembly three several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for Blacksmith's Work done in and about the Row-Gallies *Washington* and *Spitfire* : Which Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved* That the same be and hereby are allowed ; and that *Fifteen Pounds and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Setb Snell*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Snell* allowed £ 15 4 d.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *Philip Acklin*, for the Service of himself, and the Use of his Boat, &c. in carrying Col. *Richmond* and other Officers from *Newport* to *East-Greenwich* : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Two Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Philip Acklin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Acklin* allowed £ 2 4 s 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joshua Coggeshall* exhibited to this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for supplying the Soldiers with Victuals and keeping Oxen and Horses that were employed in Government Service : Which said Account being duly examined. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby

*J. Coggeshall* allowed £ 3 16 s.

hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joshua Coggeshall*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Richmond* AN Account being laid before this Assembly, by  
allowed £ 3  
5 d. Col. *William Richmond*, for Cash paid for his Expences and Horse-hire to *Providence* and *East-Greenwich*, to attend the Assembly, by Order of his Honor the Governor: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds and Fivepence*, being the Balance thereof, be paid unto the said *William Richmond*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Olney* al- WHEREAS Major *Christopher Olney* exhibited unto  
lowed £ 3  
15 s. 4 d. this Assembly three several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for Horse-hire and Expences, in attending the General Assembly, by Order of his Honor the Governor: Which said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed; and that *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount of said Accounts, be paid unto the said *Christopher Olney*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Westcot* al- AN Account being laid before this Assembly by  
lowed £ 1  
1 s. 3 d. *George Westcot*, for Oars for a Whaleboat belonging to the Colony: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound One Shilling and Threepence* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *George Westcot*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Anthony* AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr.  
allowed £ 2  
19 s. 9 d. *Abraham Anthony*, for victualling and lodging the *Pawtuxet Rangers*, while upon Alarm at *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abraham Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury.

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AN Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *W. Palmer* *Walter Palmer*, for the Expences of a Boat and Hands <sup>allowed £ 1</sup> to carry Major *Olney* to *East Greenwich*, where they <sup>5<sup>l</sup> 9<sup>s</sup></sup> were detained by the Weather, being laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Five Shillings and Ninepence Lawful Money be allowed the said *Walter Palmer*, in full Satisfaction for the said Account; and that the same be paid him, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account charged against the Colony by Dr. *P. T. Wales* *Peter T. Wales*, for Medicines and Attendance upon <sup>allowed £ 3</sup> two sick Soldiers in the Colony's Brigade, being laid <sup>12<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup></sup> before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter T. Wales*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *J. Newton* *John Newton*, for a Cedar Boat and Oars taken by <sup>allowed £ 6</sup> General *Hopkins* for the Use of the Colony, having been <sup>10<sup>s</sup></sup> laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Newton*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *A. Lockwood* *Amos Lockwood*, for Provisions supplied by him to the <sup>allowed 9<sup>s</sup></sup> Troops on *Warwick Neck*, having been laid before <sup>2<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>q</sup></sup> and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nine Shillings and Twopence One Farthing* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Amos Lockwood*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account charged by Mr. *Aaron Chase* against the *A. Chase* at Colony, for freighting Stock and Grain from *Prudence* <sup>lowed £ 3</sup> to the main Land, having been laid before and duly <sup>13<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup></sup> examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money,

Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Aaron Chase*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. B. Allen*  
allowed £ 7  
2 s.  $\frac{1}{2}$

AN Account charged by Mr. *George B. Allen* against the Colony, for freighting Hay and Grain from *Providence* to the main Land, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Pounds Two Shillings and Three Farthings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *George B. Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Peirce* al-  
lowed £ 2  
2 s. 6 d.

AN Account charged by Capt. *Benjamin Peirce* against the Colony, for his Horse-hire and Expences in going from *Newport* to *Providence*, being summoned to attend the Trial of Col. *Henry Babcock*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid the said *Benjamin Peirce*, out of the General-Treasury, which shall be in full Satisfaction of the said Account.

*S. Child* al-  
lowed £ 1  
3 s.

AN Account charged by Col. *Sylvester Child* against the Colony, for the Expences of removing *George Hamilton*, a wounded Prisoner, belonging to the *British Navy*, from *Warren* to *Newport*, in order to exchange him, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Three Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Sylvester Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Bliven* al-  
lowed 10 s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid to Mr. *James Bliven*, out of the General-Treasury, for the Damage done to a Gun, received by him of Mr. *Augustus Saunders*, for the Use of the Colony.

*S. Aborn* al-  
lowed 9 s.

AN Account charged by Mr. *Samuel Aborn* against the Colony, for his Services in removing Stock from the Islands to the main Land, by Order of his Honor the



the Governor, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nine Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof be paid the said *Samuel Aborn*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account charged by *Charles Tillinghast*, Esq; *C. Tillinghast* against the Colony, for his Services in removing the Stock and Hay from *Jamestown*, and for divers Expences attending that Business, by him paid, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twenty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money, being the Balance due thereon, be paid the said *Charles Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury. allowed £ 24  
16 s. 1 d.

AN Account charged by *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, for warning the Members of the General Assembly in the County aforesaid, to attend at the Session held at *East-Greenwich* in *March* last, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury. R. Smith al-  
lowed 12 s.

AN Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *A. Low* alias *Anthony Low*, for billeting Part of *Capt. Thomas Rice's* Company, when upon actual Duty, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eight Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Low*, out of the General-Treasury. lowed 8 s.  
4 d.

AN Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *A. Lockwood* alias *Abraham Lockwood*, for Provisions by him supplied the Militia, when upon Duty at the Alarms on *Warwick Neck*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed 7 s.  
8 d.

be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Abraham Lockwood*, out of the General-Treasury.

*D. Austin* allowed £ 6  
per Annum  
for his House.

WHEREAS a small Dwelling-House belonging to *Daniel Austin*, situate at the Point in *Newport*, was removed to make Room for erecting the North Battery there; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds* Lawful Money be and is hereby allowed to be paid unto the said *Daniel Austin*, out of the General-Treasury, for each and every Year he shall be deprived of his House, to commence from the Time he was obliged to quit the same until it be restored unto him again, to enable him to hire a House.

Memorial of  
the Committee  
to act during  
the Recess of the  
Assembly, to  
Congress.

WHEREAS during the Recess of the General Assembly, such of the Members thereof as could conveniently be immediately convened did assemble, and thinking it to be expedient that *John Collins*, Esq; should present unto the Most Honorable the Continental Congress the following Memorial:

*To the Most Honorable the Delegates of the United Colonies, in Congress, assembled at Philadelphia.*

“ IN the Absence of the Governor, and Deputy-Governor, *Essek Hopkins* hath applied to us for the Re-delivery of Twenty Pieces of Cannon, which he hath landed in this Colony: We have thought it absolutely necessary to detain them, until your Honors should be made acquainted with the Circumstances of the Colony, not doubting but that upon mature Consideration it would be thought best for the common Interest to permit them to remain here. We beg the most favourable Construction of this Measure, and assure your Honors, that no Persons living are more sensible of the Necessity of establishing the Authority of Congress, nor more ready to pay Obedience to it.

“ Your Honors have doubtless frequently with Pain reflected upon the unhappy State of the Town of *Newport*, which was entirely defenceless, surrounded by a powerful

powerful naval Armament, and daily threatened with and in Danger of immediate Destruction ; for it was incontestibly in the Power of the *British* Fleet to destroy it at Pleasure. In this Situation it is not at all strange that near a third Part of the Inhabitants removed, and that a Majority of the Remainder were induced to temporize, and even to assume an Appearance rather unfriendly to the United Colonies. To this Situation alone is the former Conduct of *Newport* to be attributed; and not to Want of Spirit, or Love of their Country. In this State of Affairs the *British* Fleet quitted the Harbour, and Commodore *Hopkins* most providentially arrived with Twenty-six Cannon and some Shot, which he offered to the Town. The Inhabitants, elated with a Prospect of having this Means of Defence, assembled in a full Town-Meeting, and unanimously voted to work upon the necessary Fortifications, and to defend the Town, and immediately entered upon it with Vigour. This decisive Resolution gave every Friend to the United Colonies a new Spring, as many of us looked upon *Newport* as worse than lost to the common Cause. Three considerable Works have been erected: These Cannon have been with great Expedition mounted upon Carriages, and placed upon the Platforms, and the Town of *Newport* is now capable of being defended against all the Frigates in the *British* Navy. Fortifications are also making at *Bristol Ferry*, and on the East Side of *Rhode-Island*, which when compleated will effectually secure a Communication with the Continent, and enable us to defend that most valuable Island.

“ We were happy in the Idea of having put a total Stop to supplying the Enemy, of destroying the very Seeds of Disaffection in the Colony, and of being an united People. We looked upon saving the Town of *Newport*, the commanding the Harbour, in which, from its Easiness of Access, Vessels from Sea may find a quick Protection under the Cannon of the Forts, and which will at all Times afford a safe Asylum to the Continental Ships, and to Privateers and their Prizes, as well as to other Vessels, and which, by Means of

the Works now erected, may pass in and out in Spite of all the *British* Fleet, as Objects of very great Importance to the common Cause. But our pleasing Prospects are greatly interrupted by the Order to deliver Twenty of these Cannon to Messieurs *Hollingsworth* and *Richardson*, to be transported to *Philadelphia*. From the Face of it, which is directed to the Commodore, and in his Absence to Mr. *Tillinghast*, it appeared clearly to us that your Honors thought the Cannon were barely landed here, and had no Idea of their being fitted with Carriages, and planted in Forts erected purposely for their Reception.

“ We beg Leave to refer you for a general State of the Colony to the Memorial from the Assembly, which is now before your Honors, and is in no Degree exaggerated, by which you will be able to judge of the exposed Situation of the Colony, of its great Exertions for the common, as well as our own Defence, and of the utter Impossibility of our defending ourselves: To which we would add, that there are now in the Colony, exclusive of those brought by the Commodore, but Twenty-four Pieces of heavy Cannon, being Twenty-four and Eighteen Pounders.

“ THE Assembly had contracted with the Owners of Furnace *Hope* for Sixty more, but the Commodore having brought Twenty-six heavy Cannon into the Colony, the Assembly consented that the Cannon for the Continental Ships should be first made, as the Owners of the Furnace could not possibly supply both Departments in Season, so that we have yet had but Four Eighteen Pounders from them; nor can the others be made under a long Time, unless a Stop be put to those making for the Ships.

“ We are informed by the Commodore that he landed Thirty-six heavy Cannon at *New-London*, which from its Situation can be defended with one Quarter of the Number required for the Defence of the Bay, Town, and Harbour of *Newport*. And when the Difference of the Towns of *Newport* and *New-London*,  
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in Point of Number of Inhabitants and Value, in Point of Importance to the United Colonies, and in the Abilities of the two Colonies, of which they are a Part, to defend them, are considered, we think it will not admit a Doubt from which Place the Twenty Cannon wanted are to be removed.

“ WE beg Leave also to mention to your Honors some of the probable Consequences of depriving us of those Cannon. All the Disaffected, all the Lukewarm, and all the Timid, cry out that this Colony hath been totally neglected by Congress, while every other Colony that is exposed is defended by the Continental Troops, which the most hearty in the common Cause cannot deny; this, with the dangerous Situation of the Town of *Newport*, the Capital of the Colony, containing upwards of 1300 Dwelling-Houses, and between 9 and 10,000 Souls, hath produced a very great Division and was near overthrowing that Administration which had so greatly exerted the Force of the Colony. The Blow however was averted, and the most seasonable Arrival of those Cannon, with the decisive Resolution of the Town of *Newport*, hath given Union, Spirit and Vigour to the Colony: Take them from us, and we cannot answer for the Event. The Town of *Newport* and the Island of *Rhode-Island* are lost. A small Part of that Army now at *Hahfax*, may in their Way to the Westward effect their Destruction, without being detained three Days. It will be impossible for the Inhabitants to defend themselves: They will not even attempt it. There is Danger, that those People who are so desirous of Reconciliation with *Great-Britain* upon any Terms, will gain the Ascendency, and of the Colony's being lost to *America*. Leave us the Cannon, we can save *Newport*, which hath been induced in Consequence of their Arrival to take such Steps as must bring upon them the *British* Arms, and who will be most cruelly treated in being deprived of them. We can keep Possession of *Rhode-Island*, which is of great Consequence to the Inhabitants and Trade of *Taunton* and *Swansey* Rivers; and we shall be a united People, ready with our Lives and Fortunes to support the Measures of Congress.

“ WE

" We submit this Representation to your Honors, which will be delivered to you by *John Collins*, Esq; the First Assistant in this Colony, to whom we beg Leave to refer you for further Information, not in the least doubting that upon full Enquiry and Deliberation your Honors will consent that the Cannon remain here, until we can be otherwise supplied."

Signed by Order and in Behalf of such Members of the General Assembly, as could conveniently be convened,

By HENRY WARD, Sec'y.

Providence, May 20, 1776.

WHEREUPON this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Memorial be and the same is hereby approved.

Sheriff of  
Newport to  
take an In-  
ventory of  
the Stock in  
*E. Cole's Tan-*  
Yard, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* immediately make an Inventory of the whole Stock in the Tan-Yard now in the Possession of *Mr. Edward Cole*, of *Newport*; and that the said Sheriff, with *Col. Christopher Lippett* and *Mr. Robert Taylor*, or the major Part of them, be a Committee to employ suitable Persons to work up the whole of the said Stock upon reasonable Terms, for the Benefit of the Colony.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That *Messieurs Thomas Greene, Nathaniel Mumford*, and the aforesaid *Robert Taylor*, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and state the Accounts between the said *Edward Cole* and *George Rome*, respecting the said Tan-Yard, from the Time they entered into Partnership: That the said *Edward Cole* submit to the Inspection of the said Committee, under Oath, the original Contract of Partnership, and all Books of Accounts and Papers whatever relating to the said Tan-Yard, and to all Accounts of every Nature subsisting between them; and that the said Committee report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, were appointed a Committee to enquire what Salt is now in the Colony belonging to the Government, and what the same cost, including all Charges; and they having presented unto this Assembly an Account, by them stated, with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

Dr. Salt, imported and purchased by the Colony of  
*Rhode-Island.*

1776.

<i>June.</i> To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and inward Charges, of Brig <i>Nancy</i> , fitted by <i>John Nertbup</i> ,	}	£ 310 13 6
To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and Loss, of Sloop <i>Maryland</i> , by <i>Jacob Greene</i> ,	}	445 14 10
To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and inward Charges, of Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , by <i>William Greene</i> ,	}	317 14 4
To Amount of Cargo and Outfits of Brig ———, by <i>Smith</i> and <i>Mathewson</i> ,	}	216 16 5
To Amount of the Loss of said Brig,		480 0 0
To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and Portage-Bill, of the Schooner <i>Eagle</i> , by <i>Joseph Stanton</i> , supposed,	}	303 0 0
To Amount of 1880 Bushels purchased by <i>John Smith</i> , averaged as <i>per Paul Tew's</i> Account, at 8 s.	}	752 0 0
To Amount of 617 Bushels bought by <i>Sylvester Child</i> , at 3 s.	}	92 11 0
Measuring and shifting Ditto,		0 18 0
To Amount of <i>Cory</i> and <i>Irish's</i> Charges in fitting out two Vessels to fetch Salt, stopt by Assembly,	}	172 13 0
By Salt imported in Brig <i>Nancy</i> ,	2500 Bushels.	£ 309 1 19 1
Ditto in Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , 1880 Ditto.		
Ditto in Schooner <i>Eagle</i> 1500 Ditto.		
Bought by <i>John Smith</i> , 1880 Ditto.		
Bought by <i>Sylvester Child</i> , 617 Ditto.		

8377 Bushels.

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Allowed for Wastage, }  
 Wharfage and Storage, at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per Cent. } 628 Bushels deducted.

Remain, 7749 at 7s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  £ 3091 19 1  
 At *Westerly*, purchased by }  
 Col. *Noyes*, } 130

7879 Bushels.

Newport, June 13, 1776.

HAVING carefully examined the Accounts of the Cargoes, Outfits, and inward Charges, of the aforementioned Vessels, and the Losses thereon sustained, and averaged them with the Salt imported and purchased, we find that it cost the Colony *Seven Shillings and Elevenpence Three Farthings per Bushel*.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
 THOMAS GREENE.

AND the Premises being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be and hereby is accepted.

Committee to audit *P Tew's Account with the Colony.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Amos Atwell*, Messieurs *John Smith* and *John Brown*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Paul Tew*, Esq; with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly.

Thanks of the Assembly to *G. Washington*, Esq; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be given to his Excellency *George Washington*, Esq; Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United Colonies, for his favourable Representation of the State of this Colony to the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, and Interposition in procuring the Colony's Brigade to be taken into Continental Pay : And that his Honor the Governor be requested to transmit to his Excellency a Copy of this Vote.

Committee to prepare a Bill for establish- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jonathan Arnold*, *Henry Marchant*, and *Henry Ward*, Esquires, be and they



they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for establishing suitable Offices at *Newport* and *Providence*, for entering and clearing Vessels, and fixing the Fees of the Officers.

ing Offices at  
*Newport* and  
*Providence*,  
for entering  
Vessels, &c.

WHEREAS Capt. *Matthew Allen*, of *Barrington*, pre-ferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That he had the Command of a Company in Col. *Church's* Regiment, the last Summer's Campaign: That in making out a Return of his Company to the Colonel, in order that his said Company should receive their Wages, he inadvertently omitted to return three of the Soldiers Names belonging thereto: That their Wages amount to *Six Pounds* Lawful Money, which they were entitled to receive, and were not paid by the said Colonel: That the Petitioner paid the said Sum to them, out of his own Monies; and thereupon besought this Assembly that the same might be allowed and paid him, out of the General-Treasury: Whereupon this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, and having duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and hereby is granted; and that the aforesaid Sum of *Six Pounds* be paid unto the said *Matthew Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

*M. Allen*  
granted £ 6.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, in Town-Meeting legally assembled, on the Twenty-ninth Day of *April* last, unanimously Voted, That they would defend the said Town, and ordered that the Inhabitants should work upon the Fortifications, upon the Penalty of paying *Three Shillings per Day*, for each and every Day's Neglect; and at a Meeting held on the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* last, ordered, that the Fines of the Delinquents should be collected by *William Davis*; and that in case of Refusal he should distrain: And whereas some Doubts have arisen respecting the Authority of the said Town-Meetings to pass the said Votes:

Power of the  
Towns to  
make bye-  
Laws ascer-  
tained.

*IT is therefore Resolved and Declared, and it is hereby Declared by this Assembly, That by the Acts of Incorporation*

incorporation

corporation of the several Towns in this Colony, they are and ever were sufficiently authorized and empowered to make and ordain Acts, Laws, Orders and Regulations, binding upon their respective Inhabitants, in all Cases whatever, for their Advantage, Safety and Defence, and to impose such Fines and Penalties for the Breaches thereof, as they shall deem meet, and to appoint a Person or Persons to collect such Fines and Penalties, with Power to distrain, in case of Refusal or Neglect to pay the same; provided such Acts, Laws, Orders and Regulations, are not repugnant to the Acts, Laws, Orders and Regulations, of this General Assembly.

*S. Johnson* allowed £ 50 10s. WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Johnson* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Four Pieces of Cannon, for the Use of the Colony: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fifty Pounds and Ten Shillings*, being the Amount of said Account, be paid unto the said *Samuel Johnson*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Lippert* allowed £ 1 9s. 9d. WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Lippert* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged, for victualling Part of *Capt. Reuben Whitman's* Company of Militia, at the Alarm upon *Warwick Neck*: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Nine Shillings and Ninepence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Lippert*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Clarke* allowed £ 90 WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Clarke* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged for Six Pieces of Cannon delivered *Brigadier-General West*, for the Use of the Colony: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ninety Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Jeremiah Clarke*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Chace* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged for the Use of a Feather-Bed, made Use of for a wounded Prisoner taken at *Prudence*, which was damaged : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Five Shillings* Lawful Money, for the said Damage, be paid unto the said *Daniel Chace*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *William Barton, William Stevens, W. Barton, Nathaniel Jacobs, jun. and Samuel Chace*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged for their Time, Expence, and Horse-hire, in going to *Boston*, and bringing Ten Prisoners to *Providence* : Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Barton, William Stevens, Nathaniel Jacobs, jun. and Samuel Chace*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons appointed by this Assembly to take Possession of Estates belonging to Persons disaffected to the United Colonies, in Behalf of and for the Use of the Government, be and they are hereby directed immediately to render an Account, in Writing, of their Proceedings therein to this Assembly.

Persons appointed to take Possession of the Estates of disaffected Persons, to render an Account thereof.

WHEREAS *William Potter* and *John Northup*, Esquires, who were appointed at the last Session a Committee to let out, in Behalf of the Colony, all the real Estates in the County of *King's County*, lately belonging to Persons disaffected to the United Colonies, and heretofore ordered by this Assembly to be taken into Possession by the Sheriff of said County, &c. did upon a Copy of their Appointment make Report ; to which they subjoined an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as follows, *to wit* :

Report of the Committee appointed to lease Estates taken into Possession of the Colony,

WE the Subscribers, with *Peter Phillips* Esq; in Obedience to the within Order, have leased all the Estates

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taken into Possession by the Sheriff of the County of King's County, as within mentioned, *to wit*: The Estate lately belonging to the Heirs of *John Borland*, consisting of two Tracts of Land, one of which we have let to *Roxland Robinson*, Esq; and the other to Mr. *Christopher Robinson*: The Estate lately belonging to Dr. *Thomas Moffatt*, we have let to Mr. *Charles Dyre*: The Estate lately belonging to *George Rome*, we have let to Mr. *Stephen Boyer*; and the Estate lately belonging to *Samuel Sewal*, consisting of two Tracts, one of which we have leased to Mr. *Silas Niles*, and the other to Mr. *David Austin*; and have taken written Leases thereof, which we herewith present to your Honors. We have also disposed of, at public Vendue, Four Horses lately belonging to the said *George Rome*, for the Sum of *Forty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings*; which we are ready to account for.

WILLIAM POTTER,  
JOHN NORTHUP.

The Colony to the said Committee, Dr.

To <i>William Potter</i> , for his Service in performing the above mentioned Business,	}	£	2	2	0	
7 Days, at 6 s. per Day,						
To <i>Peter Phillips</i> , for the same, 6 Days,	}	£	1	16	0	
For advertising the Stock,						
			0	5	0	
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To <i>John Northup</i> , for his Service as above, 8 Days,	}	£	2	8	0	
For Cash paid the Vendue-Master,						
	}		1	4	11	
For Ditto paid <i>J. Coggeshall</i> ,						
for drawing the Writings,	}		0	10	0	
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				£8	5	11

Committee  
allowed £ 8  
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BOTH which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; that the said Account of the Committee be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, in the aforesaid Proportions; and that the Committee pay the said Sum of  
*Forty-*

*Forty nine Pounds Sixteen Skillings* into the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greens*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a State of the Demands of this Colony upon the Continental Treasury; and that they lay the same before this Assembly at the next Session, in order that it may be transmitted with the Vouchers to the Treasury-Office.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Arrearages of Rents due from the Tenants in Possession of the Lands lately belonging to Persons disaffected to the *American* Cause, and taken into Possession of this Colony, be paid into the General Treasury: That *Col. John Cooke*, for the County of *Newport*; *Paul Tew*, Esq; for the County of *Providence*; *William Potter*, Esq; for the County of *King's County*; and *Mr. Cromel Child*, for the County of *Bristol*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into and settle said Arrearages: That the Secretary deliver to the General-Treasurer all the Leases and Papers relating to said Estates that are in his Possession: And that in case the said Arrearages be not paid within Two Months after the Rising of this Assembly, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to sue for the same.

WHEREAS *Mr. Benjamin Shearman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use of his Boat seven Months, which was taken for the Service of the Colony, by General *Hopkins*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination, That the same be allowed; and that *Two Pounds Sixteen Skillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Shearman*, out of the General Treasury.

*B Shearman*  
allowed £ 2  
16s.

WHEREAS at the last Session *Nedebiah Wilkinson* was by Mistake chosen First Lieutenant, and *Edward Thompson* Second Lieutenant; of the Independent Company,  
called

Mistake in the Choice of Officers of the *Smithfield and Cumberland* Rangers rec-  
tified. tified. called the *Smithfield and Cumberland* Rangers, when it was the Intention of the said Company that the said *Edward Thompson* should have been the First, and the said *Nedebiah Wilkinson* the Second Lieutenant: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Choice be and the same is hereby made null; that the said *Edward Thompson* be and he is hereby appointed First Lieutenant, and the said *Nedebiah Wilkinson* Second Lieutenant, of the said Company; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

*S. Southwick* allowed £ 6  
6s. 2d. WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, amounting to *Thirteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence*, by him charged against the Colony, for Paper supplied the Secretary for the Use of the Colony, for printing the Rules and Regulations of the Army, for inserting divers Acts of Assembly, and Advertisements, in the *Newport Mercury*, &c. and deducted therefrom *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, for the nett Amount of the Post-Office, while the same was under the Direction of the Colony: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence*, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Frost's Es-*  
tate sequester-  
ed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby directed to take Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, of a Dwelling-House and Lot, situate in *Newport*, in the said County, belonging to *James Frost*, who hath engaged in the Service of the Enemies to the United Colonies: But that the Wife of the said *James Frost* may reside on the Premises, or receive the Rents and Profits thereof, until further Orders from this Assembly.

Sheriff of the  
County of  
*Newport* to  
take *E. Cole*  
into Custody  
WHEREAS the Committee appointed to examine and state the Accounts between *George Rome* and *Edward Cole*, have informed this Assembly, that the said *Edward Cole* refuseth to submit, under Oath, the Accounts, Papers, &c. to the Inspection of the said Committee:  
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*It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That the said *Edward Cole* be immediately taken into Custody by the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, and safely kept until he shall submit the said Accounts &c. to the Inspection of the said Committee, agreeable to the Act of this Assembly made in that Behalf

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen for the Independent Company, called the *Kentish Guards*, who are as follow :

*Richard Fry*, Captain,  
*Hopkins Cooke*, First Lieutenant,  
*Thomas Holden*, Second Lieutenant,  
*Sylvester Greene*, Ensign.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted*, That the said Choice be and hereby is approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, Esq; be and he is hereby directed to procure the Court-House in *South-Kingstown* to be glazed, painted and finished, as soon as possible ; and that he be empowered to draw *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, for that Purpose.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for two Reams of Paper, delivered the Secretary, for the Use of the Colony : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination, That the said Account be and the same is hereby allowed ; and that *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Soldiers who were stationed at *Block-Island*, be paid the Wages still due to them, by *John Noribup*, and *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esquires, two of the Committee of Safety, as soon as conveniently may be ; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen for the Company called the *North-Providence Rangers*, who are as follow :

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*John*

*John Angell* (Son of *Stephen*) Captain,  
*Thomas Olney, jun.* Lieutenant,  
*Joseph Hawkins, jun.* Ensign.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Choice be and hereby is approved.

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## An A C T permitting Inoculation for the Small-Pox in this Colony.

Act permit-  
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 tion.

WHEREAS the Small-Pox hath made the most dreadful Ravages in the Army lately before *Quebec*, which was a principal Cause of raising the Blockade of that City, and there is great Danger that the Inhabitants of the United Colonies may, by the Prevalence of that dreadful Distemper, be rendered incapable of Defence at a Time when their Safety may depend upon their most vigorous Exertions: And whereas that Distemper taken by Inoculation is so easy and light, and the Method of Treatment so beneficial, that any Number of Persons inoculated are more likely to live, than the same Number of Persons not inoculated; and as by introducing the Practice of Inoculation with Prudence and Caution, the greater Part of the male Inhabitants of the Colonies may soon get over that terrible Disease, and the fatal Consequences to be apprehended from our Armies being infected therewith be averted:

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That one Hospital may be established for inoculating for the Small-Pox in each County in this Colony, in such Town as the Majority of the Deputies in the County, in a Meeting duly warned, shall agree upon: That the Hospital in the Town which shall be so agreed upon shall be fixed in some suitable and retired Place in such Town, under the Direction of the Town-Council, or of such Committee as the Town shall appoint: Provided that when such Hospital shall be improved for that Purpose, the Town shall



shall mark off the Ground round said Hospital, at a Distance not less than Two Hundred Yards every Way therefrom, and set and maintain a sufficient Guard, to prevent all Persons in the Hospital from going beyond those Limits, and all Persons without, from passing within One Hundred Yards of them, without the Permission of the Directors of the Hospital, upon the Penalty of forfeiting and paying as a Fine, into the General-Treasury, *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered of the Town-Treasurer of such Town, by the General-Treasurer, at any Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That every Person passing the said Limits, without Permission as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, to and for the Use of such Town, to be recovered by the Town-Treasurer, at a special Court, to be called and holden in the same Manner as special Courts are called and held in other Cases; and shall also suffer Three Months Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize.

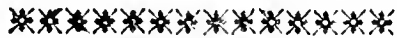
*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the Duty of the said Guard, and they are hereby empowered, to apprehend and immediately commit to Gaol every Person who shall transgress with respect to the said Limits, there to remain until he shall be acquitted, or the Sentence passed upon him be executed; unless such Transgressor shall be under Inoculation, in which case he shall be carefully kept within the said Limits until he shall be recovered and cleansed, and then be committed to Gaol as aforesaid.

*AND it is further Enacted,* That if any Person, being so inoculated, shall after his Recovery from the Small-Pox go beyond the said Limits, without a Certificate of his being thoroughly cleansed therefrom, together with the wearing Apparel he shall carry out with him, he shall, in Default thereof, be liable to the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered in Manner as above directed. And if any Person having such Certificate, shall by himself, or by Means of the Apparel he may carry out with him, communicate the  
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Small-Pox to any Person without the Hospital, the Doctor or Physician of such Hospital shall be liable to the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered in Manner as above directed.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Person shall carry out from the Hospital, where he may be inoculated, any Bedding or other Articles, Linen Sheets and his wearing Apparel as aforesaid excepted; and that every Article which he shall carry out shall be particularly enumerated in the Certificate from the Doctor or Physician of such Hospital, under the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered of such inoculated Person so offending in Manner as above directed.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That any Town in which an Hospital shall be established as aforesaid, be and hereby is empowered to make such further Regulations, to prevent communicating the Infection from the Hospital in such Town, and to lay such Fines and Penalties upon the Offenders as they shall think proper: And that all Acts made by such Town in that Behalf shall be of the same Force and Validity as if enacted by this General Assembly.



Protest against  
the Act per-  
mitting Ino-  
culation.

THE Subscribers protest against this Bill's passing into an Act, for the following Reasons, *to wit*:

FIRST, For that although we urged, that in a case of such vast Importance as intimately affects the Lives, Safety, and Well-being of the Community, the Consent and Approbation of our respective Constituents ought to have been first had and obtained, yet this Motion hath been rejected.

SECONDLY, For that an Act of this Kind hath not been suffered to continue but for a short Time in any of the *New-England* Colonies; and that where it hath been permitted or winked at, it is now entirely discontinued, and discountenanced.

THIRDLY,

THIRDLY, For that there is in this Act no Provision made for the Poor, who are by far the much more numerous Part of the Community.

JOHN G. WANTON,	BENJAMIN UNDERWOOD
JOSHUA BABOOCK,	THOMAS WELLS,
JOHN NORTHUP,	SYLVESTER GARDNER,
JOSHUA BARKER,	EDWARD SANDS, jun.
THOMAS FREEBODY,	JOHN THURSTON.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Waterman* <sup>*J. Waterman*</sup> be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to agree <sup>to employ</sup> with some suitable Person, upon the best Terms he can, <sup>Person in the</sup> to work in the Powder-Mill belonging to the Colony. <sup>Colony's</sup> Powder-Mill.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the De- <sup>Committee to</sup> puty-Governor, *William Potter, George Sears, Jonathan* <sup>enquire into</sup> *Arnold, William Greene and Henry Ward*, Esquires, be <sup>the Uneasiness</sup> and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire <sup>in the Brigade</sup> into the Circumstances of the Uneasiness, subsisting <sup>respecting</sup> among a Number of the Officers of the Colony's <sup>Major Barton.</sup> Brigade, stationed upon *Rhode-Island*, respecting Major *Barton*; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

In Pursuance of the Recommendation of the Most <sup>Account to be</sup> Honorable the Continental Congress, *Resolved*, That <sup>taken of the</sup> an Account be immediately taken of the Number of <sup>Number of</sup> the Inhabitants in each Town in this Colony: That <sup>Inhabitants in</sup> the Persons whose Names are set down in the subsequent List be and they are hereby appointed <sup>the Colony.</sup> Committee for that Purpose, *to wit* .

*Newport.* Messieurs *George Sears, William Coddington,* and *Gideon Wanton.*

*Providence.* Messieurs *Martin Seamans* and *Theodore Foster.*

*Portsmouth.* Mr. *John Coddington.*

*Warwick.* Mr. *Charles Holden.*

*Westerly.* Messieurs *Ichabod Babcock* and *Joseph Crandall.*

*New-Shoreham.* Mr. *Edward Sands, jun,*

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*North-Kingstown.* Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.  
*South-Kingstown.* Mr. Daniel Rodman.  
*East-Greenwich.* Mr. Thomas Sheffield.  
*Jamestown.* Mr. Benjamin Underwood.  
*Smithfield.* Mr. Daniel Mowry, jun.  
*Scituate.* Mr. Christopher Potter, or Mr. William West  
*Gloucester.* Mr. Zebedee Hopkins, jun.  
*Charlestown.* Mr. Jonathan Hazard.  
*West-Greenwich.* Mr. Judiah Aylsworth.  
*Coventry.* Mr. Ephraim Westcott.  
*Exeter.* Mr. George Pierce.  
*Miadletown.* Mr. John Barker.  
*Bristol.* Mr. Shearjashub Bourn.  
*Tiverton.* Messieurs John Cooke and Walter Cooke.  
*Little-Compton.* Mr. Thomas Brownell.  
*Warren.* Mr. William Miller.  
*Cumberland.* Mr. John Dexter.  
*Richmond.* Mr. Richard Bailey.  
*Cranston.* Mr. Zuriel Waterman.  
*Hopkinton.* Mr. Thomas Wells.  
*Johnston.* Mr. John Fenner.  
*North-Providence.* Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, jun. And,  
*Barrington.* Mr. Thomas Allen.

THAT they take the Account in the same Manner as the Inhabitants of this Colony were last numbered : That they be under Engagement for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them, and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

An Act restraining the Inhabitants of New-Shoreham.

THIS Assembly deploring the unhappy Situation of the Inhabitants of *New-Shoreham*, and willing to give them every Relief in their Power ; and being also necessitated to provide for the general Safety, *Do Resolve*, in Addition to and Amendment of the Act passed at the last Session respecting the said Island, That the Committee appointed in the said Act may permit such of the Inhabitants of the said Island as they can confide in, to go to *Pawcatuck* River, to procure at the Mills there such a Quantity of Meal as shall be necessary for the Inhabitants of the said Island ; they

they taking the same and other Necessaries on board under the Direction and with the written Permission of *George Sheffield* and *Phinebas Clarke*, or either of them, who are hereby directed to transmit to the said Committee an Account of all the Articles so taken on board for the said Island: That the said Committee be empowered to permit such Inhabitants of the said Island as they can confide in, to proceed to any Part of the Colony, to transact the necessary Business of the Island; and that no other Person belonging to the said Island, besides the Deputies, shall go to any other Part of the Colony, excepting to *Goat-Island*, in the Township of *Newport*, upon the Penalty of being committed to Gaol, as in the afore said Act is directed.

*James Honeyman*, Esq, Advocate-General of the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Colony, under the Crown of *Great-Britain*, having appeared before and informed this Assembly, that if his holding the said Office be disagreeable to the Colony, he will deliver up his Commission: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his holding the same is disagreeable to the Colony; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* call upon the said *James Honeyman* to receive the said Commission, and that he deliver it to his Honor the Governor, to be lodged in the Secretary's Office.

*J. Honeyman*  
to deliver up  
his Com-  
mission as Ad-  
vocate-Ge-  
neral of the  
Court of Vice-  
Admiralty.

WHEREAS *John Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Joshua Barker*, who were at the last Session appointed a Committee to divide the Line of Fence between the Lands of *Thomas Coggeshall*, of *Middletown*, and the Estate lately belonging to *George Rome*, lying in said Town, taken into Possession of the Colony, and to determine what Part of the said Fence shall be maintained by the Colony, &c. having performed the said Business, presented unto this Assembly their Report, which is as follows, *to wit*:

Report of the  
Committee  
appointed to  
settle the  
Maintenance  
of the Fence  
between *T. Coggeshall's*  
Farm, and  
that lately  
belonging to  
*G. Rome*,

MEMORANDUM of a Division in the Line of Fence between the Farm of *Thomas Coggeshall*, and a certain Piece of Meadow Land that *George Rome* purchased of *Gideon Coggeshall*, and is now in Possession of *William Wilbur*,

June, 1776.

*Wilbur*, under the Government, *that is to say*: The said *Thomas Coggeshall* shall maintain Twenty-seven Rods, beginning at the Road, and extending Southward to a certain Mark in the Wall; and the said *William Wilbur*, or the Government, shall maintain the Remainder, which is Thirty-five Rods, and extends to Land of *William Stoddard*, now in the Possession of *Thomas Weaver* (Son of *Clement*.) Divided this 25th Day of May, A. D. 1776, according to an Act of Government, by us,

JOHN JEPSON,  
JOSHUA BARKER.

MEMORANDUM of a Division in the Line of Fence between the Farm formerly belonging to *George Rome*, and now in the Possession of *William Wilbur*, under the Government, and the Farm of *Thomas Coggeshall*, *that is to say*: The said *Thomas Coggeshall* shall maintain Seventy-five Rods, beginning at the Head of *Jonathan Coggeshall's* Meadow, and extending Westward to a certain Mark in the Wall; and the said *William Wilbur*, or the Government, shall maintain Seventy-five Rods, beginning at the above mentioned Mark in the Wall, and extending Westward as far as high Water Mark; and the Water-Fence shall be maintained equally between both Parties. Divided this 25th Day of May, A. D. 1776, by us, according to an Act of Government.

JOHN JEPSON,  
JOSHUA BARKER.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

Allowance to  
*J. Coon*, for  
taking Care  
of *A. Coon*, a  
Soldier.

WHEREAS Capt. *John Coon*, of *Hopkinton*, represented unto this Assembly, that at the Request of Capt. *Ethan Clarke* he took into his Care *Arnold Coon*, a sick Soldier, in the said *Ethan Clarke's* Company, and provided him with Physicians, Nurses, &c. until he died; and prayed this Assembly to make him an Allowance therefor: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due

due Consideration of the Matter, That there be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to the said *John Coon*, the same monthly Wages as are allowed to Soldiers in the Service of this Colony, from the Time the said *Arnold Coon* was taken sick, unto the last Day of *December* last.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Salt belonging to the Colony be divided among the several Towns, in Proportion to the Number of Polls in each Town, which is to be ascertained by the Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony, at this Session ordered to be taken; that the same be delivered by Messieurs *John Smith, William Greene, John Northup, Joseph Stanton, jun. and Sylvester Child*; that each Town be at the Cost of transporting its Proportion and that it be disposed of at the Discretion of each Town, at the Rate of *Six Shillings per Bushel*, for Cash only, by such Persons as the Town shall appoint.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That each Town may immediately receive the following Quantity, in Part of its said Proportion, *to wit*:

<i>Newport,</i>	200 Bushel
<i>Providence,</i>	100
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	50
<i>Warwick,</i>	100
<i>Westerly,</i>	100
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	30
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	100
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	150
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	100
<i>Jamestown,</i>	30
<i>Smithfield,</i>	150
<i>Scituate,</i>	150
<i>Gloucester,</i>	120
<i>Charlestown,</i>	60
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	80
<i>Coventry,</i>	80
<i>Exeter,</i>	50
<i>Middletown,</i>	40
<i>Bristol,</i>	50
<i>Tiverton,</i>	60

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<i>Little Compton,</i>	50 Bushels.
<i>Warren,</i>	50
<i>Cumberland,</i>	60
<i>Richmond,</i>	50
<i>Cranston,</i>	100
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	30
<i>Johnston,</i>	50
<i>Norib-Providence,</i>	20
<i>Barrington,</i>	25

*J. Jepson and  
J. Barker al-  
owed £ 1 4 s.*

WHEREAS *Joan Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Joshua Barker*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Service in running two dividing Lines of Fence, between the Land lately belonging to *George Rome*, and the Land of *Thomas Coggeshall*; and for having their Report recorded: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Four Shillings Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joan Jepson* and *Joshua Barker*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Petition of J.  
Cagwine and  
others refer-  
red to the  
Committee  
of Safety.*

WHEREAS *James Cagwine*, *Benjamin Daly*, and *Daniel Eldred*, by Petition represented unto this Assembly, that they were Soldiers in Capt. *Christopher Smith's* Company, in the Service of this Colony, and served upon *Block-Island*, under Lieut. *Sweet*; and that they have not been paid the whole of their Wages, and prayed this Assembly to order Payment of the Wages still due to them: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety, for the County of *Kent*, make Enquiry into the Truth of the Matters set forth in the said Petition, and pay the above named *James Cagwine*, *Benjamin Daley*, and *Daniel Eldred*, the Sums that shall appear to be due to them; making Report to this Assembly before Payment.

*J. Coddington  
allowed £ 6.*

WHEREAS Mr. *John Coddington* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Cedar Boat, by him supplied for the Service of the Colony: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due



due Consideration of the said Account, That *Six Pounds* thereof, and no more, be allowed and paid the said *John Coddington*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Goddard* exhibited unto this Assembly six several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for the Transportation by Water of several Detachments of the Colony's Brigade, from and to different Places at divers Times, and the Use made of and Damage done to his Boat by the said Brigade: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination, That *Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eightpence Halfpenny* be allowed and paid the said *John Goddard*, out of the General-Treasury; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the said six Accounts.

*J. Goddard*  
allowed £ 4  
13 s. 8 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Waldron* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Company of Soldiers belonging to the Colony's Brigade, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Nineteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nathaniel Waldron*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Waldron*  
allowed £ 1  
19 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Peck* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank furnished by him for the Platforms in the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination, That the said Account be allowed; and that *One Pound Twelve Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Peck*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Peck* al-  
lowed £ 1  
12 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Timber supplied by him for the Platforms in the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful

*J. Smith* al-  
lowed £ 2  
4 s. 4 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. West* allowed 7 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John West* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank by him provided for the Platforms in the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*, and carting the same : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination thereof, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Seven Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John West*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Smith* allowed £ 1  
12 s. 8 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Timber by him provided for the Platforms in the Fort at *Bristol Ferry* : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed , and that *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Eightpence One Farthing* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Tew* allowed £ 22  
1 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Attendance upon the General Assembly, and the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County aforesaid, for Wood provided for the Court-House, for Cash paid by him for cleaning and sanding the said Court-House, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination, That *Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling and Ninepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid to the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General-Treasury, which shall be in full Satisfaction for the same.

*C. Child* allowed £ 2172

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making Twenty-one Carriages for Cannon, for the Colony, and his Time and Expences in going to *Providence*, to send the Cannon to *Warren* :  
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*It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination thereof, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Two Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount of the same, be paid the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *James Arnold*, jun. Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for and laying a Platform in the Battery upon *Long-Neck*, in *Cranston*, for building a Watch-House there, and for making Field-Carriages for two Eighteen Pounders, and one other Cannon : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Seventy-five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, being the Balance due thereon, be paid the said *James Arnold*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Arnold*, jun  
allowed £ 75  
16 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Provisions for Capt. *Barton's* Company, in the Regiment under the Command of Col. *Richmond*, and for the Hire of his Horse divers Times for the Use of the said Company : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That *Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid the said *John Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the same.

*J. Mumford*  
allowed £ 2  
16 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Carr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Wood and Provisions supplied Capt. *Tbroop's* Company, in Col. *Richmond's* Regiment : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Four Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Caleb Carr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Carr* al-  
lowed £ 4  
5 s. 6 d.

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*J. Marsh* allowed £ 3  
5 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Marsh* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Freight of Powder, intrenching Tools, &c. for the Colony's Brigade, stationed upon *Rhode-Island*, and for the Passage of Col. *Babcock* and his Guard from *Newport* to *Providence*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be allowed; and that *Three Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Marsh*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. D. Wolfe* allowed £ 1  
11 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony De Wolfe* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Timber by him supplied for the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony De Wolfe*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Lindsey* allowed £ 4  
9 s. 11 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Lindsey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Timber supplied for, and Work by him done upon the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Consideration of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds Nine Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Lindsey*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Cole* allowed £ 1  
11 s. 6 d.

MR. *William Cole* having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for boarding and nursing a Soldier belonging to Col. *Richmond's* Regiment: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Consideration of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Cole*, out of the General-Treasury.

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AN Account, charged by Mr. *Nathaniel Heath* *N. Heath* against the Colony, for boarding and nursing *Isaac* allowed £ 3  
*Tyler*, a Soldier, belonging to Col. *Richmond's* Re- 7<sup>1</sup>.  
giment, in his last Sickness, and for his Funeral  
Charges, having been presented to and duly examined  
by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That  
*Three Pounds Seven Shillings* Lawful Money be al-  
lowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Heath*, out of the  
General-Treasury; which shall be in full Satisfaction  
of the said Account.

AN Account, charged by Dr. *Samuel Allen* against *S. Allen* al-  
*Isaac Tyler*, in the foregoing Vote mentioned, for lowed 19<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
Medicines, and Attendance upon him in his last Illness, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.  
having been exhibited to and duly considered  
by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the  
same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nineteen*  
*Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the  
Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Allen*, out of  
the General-Treasury.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Simeon Munro* against *S. Munro* al-  
the Colony, for boarding and nursing *Robert Morrisot*, lowed £ 1  
a sick Soldier, in the Service of this Colony, having 16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.  
been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly:  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shil-*  
*lings* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid out of the  
General-Treasury, to the said *Simeon Munro*; which  
shall be in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Joshua Ingraham* *J. Ingraham*  
against the Colony, for the Rent of his House, Ware- allowed £ 5  
house, and two Stores in *Bristol*, which were improved  
by the Colony's Troops, being laid before and duly  
examined by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that  
*Five Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount there-  
of, be paid the said *Joshua Ingraham*, out of the Ge-  
neral-Treasury.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Gideon Noribup* *G. Noribup*  
against the Colony, for the Freight of Stock and Hay allowed £ 5  
from 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

from *Jamestown* to the main Land, being laid before and duly considered by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Four Shillings and Eightpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Gideon Northup*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Lindsey and Wardwell* allowed £ 1 8 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Lindsey* and *Wardwell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for Work done upon the Platform of the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*, &c. Upon Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Eight Shillings and Tenpence*, being the Amount of it, be paid the said *Lindsey* and *Wardwell*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Sabin* allowed £ 18 4 s.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Thomas Sabin* against the Colony, for the Board and Entertainment of the *Indian* Chiefs who were before this Assembly in *January* last, being exhibited to and duly considered by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid to the said *Thomas Sabin*, out of the General-Treasury; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

*J. Carter* allowed £ 30 4 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing Lawful Money Bills, divers Acts of Assembly, Commissions, Proclamations, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Thirty Pounds Four Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

The Heirs of *S. Ward* allowed £ 272 7 d.

WHEREAS Capt. *Ethan Clarke*, Administrator to the Estate of the Hon *Samuel Ward*, Esq; deceased, late a Delegate from this Colony in the General Congress, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged

charged against the Colony, for the Services of the said *Samuel Ward*, in the said Capacity, from the 26th Day of *August* last, to the 26th Day of *March* last, being the Day of his Death, for the Wages of his Servant and Horse-hire, for his Expences in going to *Philadelphia*, and during his Abode there, and for the Charges of his last Sickness and Funeral, amounting to *Three Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds and Sevenpence* Lawful Money; and deducted therefrom the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, received by the said *Samuel Ward* from the Colony: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid to the said *Ethan Clarke*, as Administrator to the said Estate, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly, by a Report *J. Banister* of the Committee appointed to estimate the Damages <sup>allowed £ 80.</sup> done to the Estate of Mr. *John Banister*, by the Colony Troops stationed in his House, that they have made considerable Waste and Destruction; and this Assembly being desirous of making a reasonable Allowance therefor, but not being satisfied with the said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money be paid to the said *John Banister*, out of the General-Treasury, towards the Damages he hath sustained as aforesaid.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Henry Peckham*, Committee to for the County of *Newport*, Mr. *Thomas Greene*, for the County of *Providence*, Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, for the County of *King's County*, Mr. *Benjamin Besworth*, for the County of *Bristol*, and Mr. *Thomas Tillinghast*, for the County of *Kent*, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Damages done within this Colony, by the Troops in the Service of the Colony, before the Act was made directing who should be answerable for such Damages; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session. ○

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*T. Water-*  
*bouse* allowed  
18 s. 7 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Timothy Waterbouse* against the Colony, for repairing a Number of Chairs for the Court-House in *Newport*, having been laid before and duly considered by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence One Farthing* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Timothy Waterbouse*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to  
audit the Ac-  
counts of the  
Committee  
of Safety,  
and the Com-  
missary.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, and of the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*J. Northup*  
allowed £ 5  
7 s. 4 d.

AN Estimate of the Damages done to a House in *Newport*, belonging to *John Northup, Esq;* by the Soldiers of the Colony's Brigade, having been laid before and duly considered by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Sum they were estimated at, be allowed therefor, and paid the said *John Northup*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. G. Wan-*  
*ton, C. Lip-*  
*pitt, and W.*  
*Ellery*, allow-  
ed £ 2 14 s.

WHEREAS Messieurs *John G. Wanton, Christopher Lippitt, and William Ellery*, who were appointed a Committee to estimate the Damage done, by the Troops in the Colony's Service, to the Estate of Mr. *John Banister*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for performing the said Service: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John G. Wanton, Christopher Lippitt, and William Ellery*, out of the General-Treasury.

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An A C T empowering the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly to tender, to such of the Inhabitants as are herein after mentioned, a Declaration or Test for Subscription.

**W**HEREAS the great Danger to which this ~~Test Act~~ Colony is exposed, makes it necessary to use every Measure for detecting those Persons among us who are inimical to the United Colonies, and preventing their doing Injury to the common Cause :

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all the male Inhabitants of this Colony, of Sixteen Years of Age and upwards, who shall be suspected of being inimical to the United American Colonies, and the arduous Struggle in which they are engaged, against the Force of Great-Britain, shall make and subscribe the following Declaration or Test, to wit :*

*“ I THE Subscriber do solemnly and sincerely declare,  
“ That I believe the War, Resistance, and Opposition,  
“ in which the United American Colonies are now engaged,  
“ against the Fleets and Armies of Great-Britain,  
“ is on the Part of the said Colonies just and necessary :  
“ And that I will not, directly nor indirectly, afford Assistance  
“ of any Sort or Kind whatever to the said Fleets  
“ and Armies, during the Continuance of the present War ;  
“ but that I will heartily assist in the Defense of the  
“ United Colonies.”*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any such suspected Person shall refuse to subscribe the same, it shall be in the Power of either of the Members of the Upper or Lower House of Assembly, in this Colony, and they are hereby directed, to issue a Summon, and call the Person so refusing before him, and make Enquiry into the Reasons of his Refusal : And if he shall continue such Refusal, without*



to Messieurs *Job Greene, Nathan Franklin, Uriah Franklin,* and *Peleg Colvin,* taking the said *Westcot's* Receipt therefor

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Thanks of this General Assembly be and they are hereby presented to *John Collins, Esq;* for his Services at the Continental Congress; and that his Expences to, at and from *Philadelphia,* be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury.

Thanks given to *J. Collins,* and he allowed for his Journey to *Philadelphia:*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee of Safety for the County of *Newport* purchase Two Hundred Spears, for the Batteries in the Township of *Newport.*

Spears to be provided for the Batteries in *Newport.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to prosecute Mr. *Silas Casey,* for a Breach of Contract, in not delivering a Quantity of Salt purchased of him by the Colony.

*S. Casey* to be sued.

WHEREAS the Militia of the Town of *Exeter* is so numerous as to be sufficient for Three Companies. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That the same be divided into Three Companies: That all the Persons living to the Eastward of *Second River,* so called, where it comes out of *West-Greenwich,* running through the Land of *John Jesselyn,* until it comes to *John Chapman's* Grist-Mill; and from thence Southerly, as it runs, until it comes to *South-Kingstown,* shall compose the First Company: That the Persons living to the Westward of the said Line, and to the Eastward of a Line beginning at the Highway that comes from *News-Neck,* so called, and running from thence Southerly, as the said Highway runs, across *Black-Plain,* to the Ten Rod Highway; and from thence Southerly, as the said Highway runs, until it comes to the Town of *Richmond,* shall compose the Second Company; and that the Persons living to the Westward of the said last mentioned Line, shall compose the Third Company.

Militia in *Exeter* divided.

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MR.

*J. Crandall's*  
Petition re-  
ferred to a  
Committee.

MR. *Joseph Crandall* having by Petition represented to this Assembly, That he is Proprietor of a Dwelling-House and Half a Lot of Land, situate in *Newport*, which Dwelling-House is enclosed in the Fort now erected there; and prayed that Allowance might be made him for the same: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Samuel Fowler* and *Gideon Wanton* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Matters set forth in the said Petition; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Suspected  
Persons to be  
removed  
from *New-*  
*port*.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Richard Beale*, *John Nicoll*, *Nicholas Leckmere*, *Thomas Vernon*, and *Walter Chaloner*, having been examined before this Assembly, and refused to subscribe the Test, ordered by this Assembly to be tendered to suspected Persons; and it appearing that while they continue in the Principles by them avowed before this Assembly, they are justly to be deemed unfriendly to the United Colonies: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* forthwith remove the said *Richard Beale*, *John Nicoll*, *Nicholas Leckmere*, and *Thomas Vernon*, to the Town of *Gloucester*, in this Colony, where they shall be permitted to go at large within the Limits of said Town, they giving their Parole of Honor to continue there until further Orders from this Assembly: That if either of them shall forfeit his Parole, he shall, upon being apprehended, be committed to Gaol, and kept closely confined until further Orders from this Assembly: And that in case either of them shall refuse to give his Parole as aforesaid, he shall be confined to such House, in the said Town of *Gloucester*, as the said Sheriff shall think fit, with Liberty of the Farm whereon the House stands. And whereas the said Sheriff hath in his Hands several Executions against the said *Walter Chaloner*, which are soon returnable, and upon which he is now in the Custody of the said Sheriff: *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That as soon as the said *Walter Chaloner* shall be discharged from the said Executions, the said Sheriff immediately remove him to the said Town of *Gloucester*,

Gloucester, in Manner as the said *Richard Beale* and others are ordered to be removed, and under the like Conditions and Restrictions.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Samuel Anthony* against *S. Anthony* the Colony, for his Horse-hire, Time and Expences, allowed £ 4 in going Express upon public Business from *Newport* <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> to *Dartmouth*, and from *Newport* to *Providence*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds One Shilling* Lawful Money be allowed and paid the said *Samuel Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Satisfaction of the said Account.

AN Account, charged by Messieurs *William Dillingham* and *Fleet Greene* against the Colony, for a large Cedar Boat, taken by General *Hopkins* for the Use of the Colony, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eight Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid the said *William Dillingham* and *Fleet Greene*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Compensation for the said Boat. *W. Dillingham and F. Greene allowed £ 8.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Boat belonging to *George Wightman*, now in Possession of the Colony, be delivered to his Wife, to be improved by her, for the Support of herself and Family. *G. Wightman's Wife to have his Boat.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Colony do purchase of Col. *Joseph Noyes* all the Salt that he hath to dispose of ; and that he be allowed and paid therefor at the Rate of *Four Shillings per Bushel*. *J. Noyes's Salt bought for the Colony.*

Mr. *Thomas Crandall* having by Petition represented unto this Assembly, that he is Proprietor of a Dwelling-House and Lot of Land, situate in *Newport*, which Dwelling-House is now occupied by the Troops in the Service of this Colony, and prayed an Allowance for the same : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Samuel Fowler* and *Gideon Wanton* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into *T. Crandall's Petition referred to a Committee*

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into the Matters set forth in said Petition; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*C. Child to al-* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. Cromel Child  
low *N Bowen* he and he is hereby empowered to agree with Mr.  
for his Scow. *Nathan Bowen*, for the Value of the Damages done  
his Scow, while in the Service of the Colony.

Report upon *WHEREAS* Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford* and *Thomas*  
*N. Miller's* *Greene*, two of the Committee appointed to audit the  
Accounts. Accounts of *Nathan Miller*, Esq; Commissary of the  
Colony's Brigade, presented unto this Assembly the  
Accounts of the said *Nathan Miller*, and the following  
State thereof, *to wit* :

Dr. *Nathan Miller*, Esq; Commissary, his Account  
Current with the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1776.  
June 13. To Amount of Cash you received of }  
the General-Treasurer, as per his } £ 14823 10 1  
Certificate,  
To Amount of sundry Deductions, } 23 12 5  
To Amount of 12,627 lb. of Hides, }  
at 3 d. } 157 16 9  

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£ 15004 19 3

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June 13. By Amount of your Account on the }  
other Side, } £ 12788 2 0  
By short charged in Rum, May 24th, } 2 0 0  
By your Commissions on £ 12764 10 7½ } 127 12 10  
at 1 per Cent. }  
Balance due to the Colony, } 2087 4 5  

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Newport, June 13, 1776. £ 15004 19 3  
Errors excepted,  
Per NATHAN MILLER.

Newport, June 13, 1776. This Day finished settling the above Accounts as stated.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE.  
N. B.

N. B. Mr. *Nathan Miller* is to account with the Colony, for the Tallow he hath taken from the Beef belonging to the Colony.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

CAPT. *Samuel Carr* having supplied the Colony's Powder, &c. Troops at *Jamestown* with Twenty-nine Pounds and Two Ounces of Gunpowder, and Eighty-four Musket Balls: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be repaid the said *Samuel Carr*, out of the Colony's Stock.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby directed to purchase every necessary Article for the Soldiers, Provisions excepted, and deliver the same to the Commissary, who shall supply the Soldiers with them at the prime Cost, including the Charges: And that a Bale of Cloaths, now in the Possession of Mr. *John Smith*, be immediately forwarded to the Commissary for the aforesaid Purpose.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to inform the Delegates from this Colony in Congress, of the Act permitting Inoculation for the Small-Pox in this Colony, and desire them to move in Congress, as a Matter of real Importance to the Safety of the Army and the United Colonies, that all common Soldiers and Seamen, in the Continental Service, or who shall hereafter engage therein, be permitted to be inoculated at the Expence of the United Colonies, in such Hospitals as may be allowed, under such Restrictions and Rules as are or may be enacted by the respective Colonies.

An Account, charged by Messieurs *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, and *Samuel Simpson*, for cleansing the Court-House in *Newport*, and cutting Wood for

The Delegates to propose to Congress, to permit the Continental Troops to be inoculated.

*J. Jeffers, S. Brown, and S. Simpson,* allowed £2 the 8.

the same, from *June 1775* to this Time, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and Samuel Simpson*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Mumford*  
allowed £ 15  
15 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services and Expences, as one of a Committee in settling the Accounts of several Members of the Committee of War, of the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, and divers other Accounts: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination thereof, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Account, be paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Jeffers*  
and *B. Wilbur*  
allowed  
17 s.

AN Account, charged by Messieurs *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur* against the Colony, for mending the Windows of the Court-House in *Newport*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Mumford*  
allowed £ 10  
4 s.

AN Account, charged against the Colony by *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; for his Services and Expences, as one of a Committee, in settling the Accounts of several Members of the Committee of War, of the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, and divers other Accounts: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ten Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.



*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Messieurs *John G. Wanton, Samuel Fowler, and John Bartlet,* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to procure upon the best Terms they can a suitable House, to be used as an Hospital for the Colony Troops, stationed upon *Rhode-Island*; and that the Sick be immediately removed from the present Hospital, and the House be cleaned.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Daniel Mowry, jun.* *D. Mowry,* Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to proceed immediately to the County of *Providence,* and make diligent Enquiry after the Persons concerned in counterfeiting the Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony: That he take with him the counterfeit Bill now before this Assembly; and that Capt. *Joseph Manchester* attend this Assembly, to give Information of what he knows respecting the laid counterfeit Bill.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *John Smith* be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to dispose of, at public Vendue, the Claret in his Possession belonging to the Colony; and that he give Notice of the Time of Sale in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Two Tons of Gun-powder be delivered out of the Colony's Store to Major *Robert Elliott,* for the Use of the Brigade stationed upon *Rhode-Island.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Col. *Henry Babcock* be and he is hereby allowed One Month's Pay, after the Time he was dismissed from the Command of the Regiment in the Service of this Colony; during which Time he was confined by the Pleurisy, with which he was seized while in the Service.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. *Nathan Miller,* Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, forthwith pay into the General-Treasury One Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, it being Part of the Sum by him taken

Committee  
to procure a  
House for a  
Hospital.

*jun. to make  
Enquiry after  
Persons who  
have counter-  
feited Money.*

*J. Smith to  
sell the Co-  
lony's Claret.*

*powder or-  
dered to New-  
port.*

*Allowance to  
Col. Babcock.*

*N. Miller to  
pay £ 1000  
into the Ge-  
neral-Trea-  
sury, and to  
purchase*

Wood for the taken out of the General-Treasury, to purchase  
Troops. Necessaries for the said Brigade, and now in his Hands  
undisposed of.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the  
Commissary of the Colony's Brigade purchase Wood  
theretor, as heretofore.*

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An A C T regulating Trade within this  
Colony, and establishing proper Of-  
fices for entering and clearing Vessels  
and Merchandize.

*Act for regulat-  
ing Trade,  
&c.*

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the  
Authority thereof it is Enacted, That any Goods,  
Wares and Merchandize, other than shaken or knock-  
ed down Casks for Melasses, may be exported from  
this Colony, by the Inhabitants thereof, and of the  
other United Colonies, and by the People of all such  
Countries as are not subject to the King of *Great-Britain*,  
to any Parts of the World which are not under the  
Dominion of the said King : Provided that no Vessel  
be permitted to export any greater Number of shaken  
or knocked down Melasses Casks than the same Vessel  
is capable of carrying when filled.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority afore-  
said, That any Goods, Wares and Merchandize, ex-  
cept such as are of the Growth and Manufacture of,  
or brought from any Country under the Dominion of  
the King of Great-Britain, and except East-India Tea,  
may be imported from any other Parts of the World  
into this Colony, by the Inhabitants thereof, and of  
the other United Colonies, and by the People of all  
such Countries as are not subject to the said King.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority afore-  
said. That there shall be two Persons annually ap-  
pointed by this General Assembly as Intendants of  
Trade,*

Trade, who shall be under Oath for the faithful Execution of their Offices; one of whom shall reside in and keep his Office at *Newport*, and the other shall reside in and keep his Office at *Providence*, and shall each of them be empowered to appoint a Deputy: That it shall be the Duty and Business of the said Intendants to take a Bond, payable to the Governor and Company of this Colony, to and for the Use of the Colony, from the Master of every Vessel cleared out at their respective Offices, with one sufficient Surety, in double the Value of the Cargo shipped on board such Vessel, conditioned for the true Observance of the Regulations made by the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, and this General Assembly, concerning Trade, and for securing the Observance of such Parts of the Association as are not inconsistent therewith; and that the Obligeor shall, within Eighteen Months after the Departure of the Vessel, produce to such Intendant a Certificate from the proper Officers, at the Port or Place where the Cargo shall be delivered (provided it be within the United Colonies, and proper Officers are appointed) or otherwise under the Hands and Seals of three or more respectable Merchants, residing there, that the same was there unladed: That the said Intendants shall also take Manifests upon Oath of the Cargoes exported and imported, and keep fair Accounts and Entries thereof, give Bills of Health when desired, grant Registers, shewing the Property of the Vessel cleared out (which Registers shall be also given under the Hand and Seal of the Governor of this Colony for the Time being) and sign Certificates that the Requisites for qualifying Vessels for Trade have been complied with: And that the said Intendants shall make Return to the General Assembly, at every Session, of all Imports and Exports.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid.*  
That if any Vessel coming into this Colony shall break Bulk, before Report of her Cargo, and whence she came, be made to one of the said Intendants, the said Vessel and her Cargo, or such Part thereof as the

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General Assembly shall, upon considering the Case, think fit, shall be forfeited, one Half to the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to the Use of the Informer and Prosecutor for the same: And that if the Master of any Vessel shall be convicted of having taken a false Oath before either of the said Intendants, he shall suffer the Pains and Penalties of Perjury.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Prosecutions and Trials, for any Offences against the Regulations aforesaid, shall be commenced and had before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County where such Offence shall be committed; and that no Prosecution upon any of the Bonds given as aforesaid, shall be commenced after the Expiration of Three Years from the Date thereof.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Intendants shall give constant and regular Attendance in their respective Offices every Day in the Year, *Sundays* excepted, from Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, until One in the Afternoon; and shall be allowed and receive the same Fees for the same, and similar Duty, as by a Law of this Colony were allowed to the late Collector of the Customs in this Colony, until a proper Table of Fees shall be established by this General Assembly.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, except such as are made Prize of, which shall be imported directly or indirectly from *Great-Britain* or *Ireland* into this Colony, contrary to the Regulations established by the said Congress, shall be forfeited, one Half to and for the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to the Use of the Informer and Prosecutor for the same, and shall be liable to Trial and Condemnation in the Court erected in this Colony for the Trial of Prizes.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That a Copy of this Act be inserted in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

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AN Account, charged against the Colony by Mr. *J. Hafzard* allowed *L 3-7 s. 6 d.* for his Services and Expences in going to *Block-Island*, by Order of this Assembly, to apprehend some disaffected Persons, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Hafzard*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy-Governor, and the Assistants of this Colony, Five of whom to be a Quorum, together with such Members of the Lower House of Assembly as may attend, and the Secretary, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to act and transact such Business as the Exigency of public Affairs shall make (during the Recess of the General Assembly) necessary; and that all their Acts and Doings be laid before this Assembly at the next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, Mr. *John Brown*, *William Potter*, Esq; and *Charles Holden*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Number of Cannon in this Colony belonging thereto, and to determine where it will be most advantageous to place them, and to give Orders for placing them accordingly; and that they make Report to this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Officers be and they are hereby appointed to command the Trained Bands or Companies of Militia in the Town of *Newport*, to wit:

*William Tripp* Captain, *Caleb Carr, jun.* Lieutenant, and *Jonathan Simmons* Ensign, of the First Company.

*Henry Wiles* Captain, *Robert Dunbar* Lieutenant, and *William Pendleton* Ensign, of the Second Company.

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*Wing Spooner* Captain, *Stukely Wyatt* Lieutenant, and *Lee Langley* Ensign, of the Third Company.

*William Downing* Captain, *John Nichols* Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Hammett* Ensign, of the Fourth Company.

Enquiry to be made for Guns taken from the Troops of this Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Members of the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby appointed and directed to enquire into and examine the Certificates of Guns taken from the Inhabitants of this Colony, while in the Continental Service; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Militia Officers appointed for Exeter.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be and they are hereby appointed to command the Trained Bands or Companies of Militia in the Town of Exeter, to wit :

*Jonathan Bates* Captain, *Stephen Wightman* Lieutenant, and *Henry Reynolds* Ensign, of the First Company.

*John Hoxsie* Captain, *George Sweet*, jun. Lieutenant, and *Eber Shearman* Ensign, of the Second Company.

*Daniel Barber*, jun. Captain, *Phinebas Kinyon* Lieutenant, and *George Wilcox* Ensign, of the Third Company.

Business before the Superior Court at Bristol, in April last, continued to next Term.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Actions, Matters, Causes and Things whatever, which were pending before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been holden at Bristol on the Second Monday in April last, but fell through, be and the same is hereby continued to the next Term of the said Court, to be then heard, tried and determined: That all Persons who are entitled to Executions from the said Court, which so ought to have been holden, have Liberty to take out the same; and that the Executions in Favour of *Cromel Child* against *Isaac Levi* be not stayed.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Executions, for the staying of which Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be and the same are hereby stayed, until such Petitions be heard; and that this Vote be published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*. Executions where Petitions are pending stayed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Choice of Persons to Offices, which ought to have been filled up at the last or the present Session, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session; and that in the mean Time the Persons sustaining such Offices continue to discharge the Duties of them, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had. Choice of Officers referred to the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session, to be then heard and determined: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the Colony, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned unto the Third Monday in *August* next, then to meet in the Town of *Newport*. Adjournment.

**GOD save the UNITED COLONIES.**

*Published according to Order, on Wednesday the Twenty-Sixth Day of June, A. D. 1776, by*

**HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.**

A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,




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At the General Assembly of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, at *Newport*, within and for the said State, on *Thursday* the Eighteenth Day of *July*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Gov.*

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;  
AMROSE PAGE, Esq;  
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;  
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

NEWPORT:	GLOUCESTER:
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gideon</i> )	Col. Chad Brown.
Mr. Samuel Fowler,	CHARLESTOWN:
Col. George Sears,	Col. Joseph Stanton, <i>jun.</i>
Gideon Wanton, <i>Esq;</i>	Jonathan Hazzard, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Thomas Freebody,	WEST-GREENWICH:
Col. Joseph Belcher.	Thomas Tillinghast, <i>Esq;</i>
PROVIDENCE:	Judiah Ayleworth, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. Jonathan Arnold,	COVENTRY:
Mr. John Brown,	Mr. Ephraim Westcott.
Mr. John Smith,	EXETER:
Col. Amos Atwell.	Col. George Peirce.
PORTSMOUTH:	MIDDLETOWN:
Mr. Jonathan Cornell,	Mr. Joshua Barker,
Mr. John Coddington,	Mr. Nicholas Easton.
John Thurston, <i>Esq;</i>	BRISTOL:
WARWICK:	Shearjashub Bourn, <i>Esq;</i>
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	Col. Nathaniel Pearce.
Mr. Charles Holden, <i>jun.</i>	TIVERTON:
Col. John Waterman.	Col. John Cook.
WESTERLY:	LITTLE-COMPTON:
Major-General Joshua Babcock,	Mr. Daniel Wilbur.
Col. Joseph Noyes.	WARREN:
NEW-SHOKEHAM:	Mr. Cromel Child,
Mr. Edward Sands, <i>jun.</i>	Col. Sylvester Child.
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	CUMBERLAND:
John Northup, <i>Esq;</i>	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
Major Sylvester Gardner.	Mr. Elisha Waterman.
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	RICHMOND:
Col. Samuel Seagar.	Major Richard Bailey.
EAST-GREENWICH:	CRANSTON:
Job Comstock, <i>Esq;</i>	None.
Mr. Thomas Shippey.	HOPKINTON:
JAMESTOWN:	Mr. John Larkin,
Capt. Samuel Carr,	Mr. Thomas Wells.
Benjamin Underwood, <i>Esq;</i>	JOHNSTON:
SMITHFIELD:	Peleg Williams, <i>Esq;</i>
Daniel Mowry, <i>jun. Esq;</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Capt. Andrew Waterman.	Major Thomas Olney,
SCITUATE:	Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, <i>jun.</i>
William West, <i>Esq;</i>	BARRINGTON:
Mr. Christopher Potter.	Mr. Edward Bosworth,
	Capt. Thomas Allen.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

**T**HIS Assembly taking into the most serious Consideration the Resolution of the most Honorable the General Congress of the United States of *America*, of the Fourth Instant, declaring the said States Free and Independent States, do approve the said Resolution; and do most solemnly engage, that we will support the said General Congress with our Lives and Fortunes.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Resolution of the General Congress, declaring the United Colonies Free and Independent States, and the Act of this Assembly approving said Resolution, be published by the Secretary To-morrow in *Newport*, at Twelve o'Clock, in the Presence of both Houses of the General Assembly: That Thirteen Cannon be discharged at *Fort-Liberty*, upon reading the said Proclamation; and that the Brigade be drawn up on the Parade in Thirteen Divisions, and immediately after the Discharge of the Cannon make a Discharge of Musketry, each Division firing one Volley in Succession.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Resolution and Act be published in *Providence* on *Thursday* next, at Twelve o'Clock; in such Manner as his Honor the Governor shall think fit, and that Thirteen Cannon be discharged upon the Occasion.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Resolution and Act be read in the several Town-Meetings, to be holden on the last *Tuesday* in *August* next; and that the Secretary seasonably furnish the necessary Copies.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Andrew Boyd A. Boyd* appointed Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, in and for the County of *Kent*, for the Year ensuing, in the Room of Mr. *Stephen Mumford*, who hath resigned.

IT

Row-Gallies  
ordered to  
*New-York.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Captains of the two Row-Gallies in the Service of this State, forthwith proceed with said Gallies to the City of *New-York*; and that on their Arrival there, they receive the Orders of his Excellency General *Washington*, and govern themselves accordingly.

Name of the  
Government  
altered.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted,* That for the future the Stile and Title of this Government, in all Acts and Instruments, whether of a public or private Nature, shall be the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence* Plantations; and that this Act, and the Act approving the Declaration of the General Congress, declaring the United States of *America* Free and Independent States, be published in the next *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

*E. Thurston* to  
be apprehend-  
ed, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be, and he is hereby ordered and directed forthwith to take into his Custody *Edward Thurston*, of *Newport*; and that Messieurs *George Sears*, *Jonathan Arnold*, *Jonathan Haszard*, *William Greene*, and *Cromel Child*, be a Committee to proceed with the said Sheriff to the Dwelling-House of the said *Edward Thurston*, and there to demand of him that he open to their View all Desks, Chests or other suspected Places, under Lock or otherwise; and if he shall refuse to shew and unlock the same, that the said Committee be and hereby is directed to break open the same, and carefully inspect and make Search for any and all Letters of Correspondence upon the Disputes between the Independent States of *America* and *Great-Britain*, or of a political Nature, and such Letters or Papers as they shall think proper to bring with them for the Inspection of this General Assembly; and that the said Sheriff at the same Time have the said *Edward Thurston* before this Assembly.

Committee to  
search *D.*  
*Coggeshall's*  
House, for  
Letters, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff for the County of *Newport*, together with Messieurs *George Sears*, *Jonathan Arnold*, *Jonathan Haszard*, *William Greene*,

Greene, and Cromel Child, proceed to the Dwelling-House of Mr. Daniel Coggeshall, then and there to demand of him, that he open to their View all Desks, Chests, or other suspected Places, under Lock or otherwise; and if he shall refuse to shew and unlock the same, that the said Committee be and hereby is directed to break open the same, and carefully inspect and Search make for any and all Letters of Correspondence, upon the Disputes between the Independent States of America and Great-Britain, or of a political Nature, and such Letters or Papers as they shall think proper to bring with them for the Inspection of this General Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. John Smith be *J. Smith* to requested to pay the Captains of the Gallies *One Hundred and Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, on Account of the Wages due to the Officers and Men on board said Gallies. *pay off the Men belonging to the Row-Gallies.*

WHEREAS the Honorable William Bradford, Esq; Messieurs John Brown and Charles Holden, jun. who with William Potter, Esq; were appointed a Committee to ascertain the Places for fixing the Cannon belonging to the State, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly to place the Twenty-seven Cannon, to be received from the Owners of Furnace Hope, at such Places as we should think would prove most advantageous to the State, do determine that the said Guns be mounted as soon as possible, and placed as followeth, *to wit* :

At Jamestown,	3 Twelve Pounders on Field-Carriages.
South Kingstown,	4, viz. 2 Eighteen Pounders and 2 Nine Pounders, all on Field-Carriages.
Warwick Neck,	2 Eighteen Pounders.
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<i>Field's Point,</i>	3 Nine Pounders.
<i>On the opposite Shore,</i>	2 Nine Ditto.
<i>Warren,</i>	2 Nine Ditto.
<i>Bristol Harbour,</i>	2 Nine Ditto.
<i>Bristol Ferry,</i>	5 Nine Ditto, viz. 1 on the Main, and 4 on the Island.
<i>Howland's Ferry, on the Main,</i>	4 Nine Ditto.

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 27 in all.

CANNON now in the State besides the above mentioned, viz:

<i>Newport County,</i>	5 Twenty-four Pounders.
	14 Eighteen Ditto.
	12 Twelve Ditto.
	1 Nine Ditto.
	9 Six Ditto.
	10 Four Ditto.
	4 Three Ditto.

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<i>Providence County,</i>	5 Eighteen Pounders,
	16 Two, Three and Four Pounders, mounted on Field-Carriages for the several Towns on the Sea Coast, and which lie now ready for them.
	2 Three Pounders, } old and not
	2 Four Pounders, } mounted.

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<i>Bristol County,</i>	1 Twenty-four Pounder.
	3 Eighteen Pounders.
	11 Thrice and Four Pounders.

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 15

Kent



Kent County, 1 Nine Pounder.  
16 Three, Four and Six Pounders.

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Newport County, 55  
Providence County, 25  
Bristol County, 15  
Kent County, 17  
New Cannon per this }  
Account, } 27

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139 Cannon in all, exclusive of  
what may be in *King's County*.

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq; not being present, the  
above is agreed to by us,

WILLIAM BRADFORD,  
JOHN BROWN,  
CHARLES HOLDEN, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered by this  
Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Re-  
port be and the same is hereby accepted.

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An ACT making the Paper Money Bills  
emitted by the General Congress of  
the United States of *America*, and of  
this State, a legal Tender in Discharge  
of all Debts and Securities.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That the Pa-  
per Money Bills already emitted, or that shall be emit-  
ted by the said General Congress of the United States, or  
by this State, be and the same are hereby declared to  
be a legal Tender in all Contracts, Debts, Judgments,  
Executions,

and by the A& making  
the Conti-  
nental Money  
and the Mo-  
ney emitted  
by this State  
a legal Ten-  
der.

Executions, Mortgages, or Securities, for Dollars, or Money of any Kind whatever; and that if any Person or Persons shall refuse said Bills in Payment, or in Discharge of any Contract, Debt, Judgment, Execution, Mortgage, Duty, Demand, or Securities, for Dollars, or of a pecuniary Nature, the same being tendered before any two or more credible Persons, such Person shall ever after be precluded from having or recovering upon such Contract, Debt, Judgment, Execution, Mortgage, Security, Duty, or Demand, if he shall not consent to receive the same in one Month from the Time of such Tender so to be made as abovesaid, and give Notice thereof to the Person or Persons who shall have tendered him the same. *Provided nevertheless,* That the Person or Persons who shall make such Tender shall lodge the principal Sum, exclusive of any Interest, in the General-Treasury of this State, for the Use thereof, within Three Months from the Time such Tender shall be made, together with the Deposition of the Persons in whose Presence such Tender shall be made, respecting the Time when, and how, such Tender was made, taken before a Judge of the Inferior Court and Justice of the Peace, within the County where the Person lives to whom such Tender shall be made, he being duly notified to attend at the taking of such Deposition: And the General-Treasurer is hereby ordered to give his Receipt therefor, and his Security in Behalf of this State, to the Person lodging such Monies, to indemnify and save him harmless from said Contract, Debt, Judgment, Execution or Mortgage, so far as such principal Sum and the Interest thereof, from the Time the same shall be lodged in said General-Treasury: And upon any Suit, Bill or Action, brought upon any such Contract, Debt, Judgment, Execution or Mortgage, or for Redemption of any mortgaged Estate, this Act shall or may be given in Evidence under the General Issue, or being specially pleaded, shall be sufficient to bar any such Suit, Bill or Action, or for the Redemption of such Estate.

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WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Joshua Ingraham* exhibited unto this *J. Ingraham* Assembly an Account, by him charged against this <sup>allowed £ 5</sup> State, for three Months Rent of his House and other Buildings in *Bristol*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joshua Ingraham*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; laid *N. Cooke* al- before this Assembly an Account, by him charged <sup>lowed £ 14</sup> against the State, for Cash by him advanced to sundry <sup>18 s. 10 d.</sup> Persons for going Expresses on public Business, for Nails by him supplied for the Use of the Laboratory, and for sundry other Expences: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fourteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

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An A C T to punish Persons who shall acknowledge the King of *Great-Britain* to be their Sovereign.

W H E R E A S the General Congress of the <sup>Act to punish</sup> United States of *America*, by their Resolution <sup>Persons who</sup> of the Fourth Instant, after enumerating many of the <sup>shall acknow-</sup> various Acts by which *George* the Third, King of <sup>ledge the</sup> *Great-Britain*, hath demonstrated his Intention to <sup>King of</sup> establish an absolute Tyranny over the said States, <sup>*Great-Britain*</sup> to be their Sovereign, have declared, that "A Prince whose Character is thus  
" marked by every Act which may define a Tyrant,  
" is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People." And have further declared, that the said States "are and  
" of Right ought to be Free and Independent States:  
" That they are absolved from all Allegiance to the  
" *British* Crown; and that all political Connection  
" between them and the State of *Great-Britain* is and  
C " ought

“ought to be totally dissolved:” Which said Resolution hath been approved and solemnly published, by Order and in Presence of this General Assembly: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That if any Person within this State shall, under Pretence of preaching or praying, or in any other Way and Manner whatever, acknowledge or declare the said King to be our rightful Lord and Sovereign, or shall pray for the Success of his Arms, or that he may vanquish or overcome all his Enemies, shall be deemed guilty of a high Misdemeanor, and shall therefor be presented by the Grand Jury of the County where the Offence shall be committed, to the Superior Court of the same County; and upon Conviction thereof, such Offender shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, to and for the Use of this State, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, and pay all Costs of Prosecution, and shall stand committed to Gaol until the same be satisfied; and that a Copy of this Act be inserted in the *Newport* and *Providence News-Papers*.



*W. West* allowed £480. WHEREAS a Brigantine was chartered of *William West*, Esq; by this State, which was afterwards, while in the Service of said State, taken by the Enemy: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money, with Interest on said Sum from the Time said Vessel was taken into Service, be paid the said *William West*, out of the General Treasury.

Intrenching Tools to be procured. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be empowered and directed to procure, as soon as possible, Fifty Pick-Axes and Four Hundred and Fifty Spades and Shovels, at the Expence of the State; and that the same be deposited in such Places, within this State, as shall be thought proper by the major Part of the Committee who were appointed to direct where the Cannon should be placed.

Vote respecting *Cromel Child*'s Executions. WHEREAS *Cromel Child* hath two Judgments against *Isaac Levy*, upon which Executions have issued and been

been returned for alias Executions; and whereas several original Writs heretofore issued against the said *Isaac Levy*, which were served upon a certain Quantity of Rigging and Iron, now in the Hands of the Sheriff of *Bristol*, upon which Judgments have not yet been had: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Executions of the said *Cromel Child* may be levied upon the said Rigging and Iron, and the same sold as the Law directs, and the Money arising from the Sales thereof to be retained in the Hands of the Sheriff, till the Event of the Writs already served thereon shall be known, and to go in Satisfaction, first of such Judgments as shall or may be obtained upon said Writs, and then the Remainder of said Money to go in Satisfaction of the said Executions of the said *Cromel Child*, so far as the same may be sufficient to discharge the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Ten* <sup>£ 10,000 in</sup> *Thousand Pounds* be immediately struck off, in Bills of <sup>Bills of Credit to be</sup> the same Form and Tenor with those ordered to be emitted at the last *March* Session: That they be signed and lodged in the General-Treasury by the following Persons, viz. *Messieurs John G Wanton, John Dexter, John Cole, Joseph Clarke, Thomas Greene, Welcome Arnold, James Congdon, 3d, and Christopher Ellery*, three of whom shall sign all Bills of *Five Shillings* and upwards, and two all Bills under *Five Shillings*; and that the Bills be of the following Denominations.

800	Bills of <i>Sixty Shillings</i> each, is	£ 2400
1000	of <i>Forty Shillings</i> ,	2000
1500	of <i>Thirty Shillings</i> ,	2250
1500	of <i>Twenty Shillings</i> ,	1500
1500	of <i>Ten Shillings</i> ,	750
1500	of <i>Five Shillings</i> ,	375
1500	of <i>Four Shillings</i> ,	300
1500	of <i>Three Shillings</i> ,	225
1050	of <i>Two Shillings</i> ,	105
1000	of <i>One Shilling</i> ,	50
1200	of <i>Ninepence</i> ,	45

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AND

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved,* That the said Lawful Money Bills be a lawful Tender, for paying and discharging all Debts and Demands whatsoever ; and that said Bills be redeemed within Six Years from the Date thereof.

*It is further Voted and Resolved,* That the said Committee be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury *One Quarter per Cent.* for their Trouble : That they procure Paper for the same, at the Charge of the State : That Mr. *John Carter* be employed to print said Bills, at *One Shilling and Fourpence* for every Hundred Bills so printed ; and that Mr. *Robert Lawton* be appointed to superintend the Press.

*PROVIDED nevertheless,* That said *Ten Thousand Pounds* be not emitted, if said Sum can within Six Days be procured by the General-Treasurer, without Interest, for Six Weeks ; and the said General-Treasurer is hereby empowered to procure the said Sum, and give his Note or Notes therefor, in Behalf of this State.

Report of the Committee upon W. Bradford's Account. WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford* and *John Manley*, who were appointed a Committee to examine the Account of *William Bradford, Esq;* one of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon, as follows, *to wit :*

The Honorable *William Bradford, Esq;* one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island,* Dr.

1776.

July 18. To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, as per Account of Credit,	}	£ 1817 11 2
To Amount of sundry Over-calls,		
		1 17 6
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		£ 1819 8 8½
Balance due to <i>William Bradford,</i>		154 6 3
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		£ 1973 14 11½
		1776.

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July 18.	By Amount of your Account given in,	£	1944	4 6
	By short cast in £35 17 9,		10	0 0
	By Commissions on £1952 7 s. having } deducted £1 17 6,		19	10 5½
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			£	1973 14 11½
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	By Amount of the above Balance brought down,	£	154	6 3
	By Amount of your medical Account for the Soldiers,		14	18 0
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	Due,		£	169 4 3

Newport, July 20, 1776.

Errors excepted,

Per WILLIAM BRADFORD,

Newport, July 20, 1776. This Day we carefully examined the above and foregoing Accounts and Vouchers.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
JOHN MANLEY.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is W. Bradford Voted and Resolved.* That the same be and hereby is allowed £169 accepted: That the above Account be allowed; and 4 s. 3 d. that the Balance thereof, being *One Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *One Hundred Pounds* The Governor's Lawful Money be allowed his Honor the Governor, nor allowed for his Salary and extraordinary Services the Year past. £100.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Clerk of the Records of Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions the Inferior of the Peace of the County of *Newport*, be and he is Court in hereby directed to remove the Records and Files of *Newport* to be removed, said Court to the Town of *Warren*, for Safety.

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*S. Carr* empowered to apprehend obnoxious Persons, at *New-Shoreham*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Capt. Samuel Carr* be and he is hereby fully empowered to remove by himself, or to employ any other suitable Persons to remove two or three obnoxious Persons from *New-Shoreham* to *Providence*, and deliver them to the Authority there: That the same be done in the best and easiest Manner, and with as little Charge to the Government as conveniently may be; and that *Mr. Carr* be empowered to draw the Charge thereof out of the General-Treasury.

Blacksmiths in *Newport* to be allowed 9d. per lb. for their Iron-Work.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Blacksmiths in the Town of *Newport* be allowed *Ninepence per Pound*, for the Iron-Work by them to be done for the Carriages ordered to be made for this State.

Committee to procure Gunpowder, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor and *Mr. John Jenckes* be appointed a Committee to procure upon Charter, and send a suitable Vessel to the Island of *Hispaniola*, to procure Gunpowder, Arms and other warlike Stores, for the Use of this State; and that they be empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds Lawful Money* out of the General-Treasury, for that Purpose.

Persons not subscribing the Test subjected to divers Incapacities.

*B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That no male Person of the Age of Twenty-one Years, being an Inhabitant or Resident in this State, shall prefer a Petition to this General Assembly, for setting aside any Judgment of Court, or staying any Execution, or shall commence any Suit, Action, Bill or Complaint, before any Court of Record in this State, unless he shall have previously signed the Declaration or Test, prescribed by an Act intituled, "An Act empowering the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly to tender to such of the Inhabitants of this Colony as are herein after mentioned, a Declaration or Test for Subscription:" And that in case the General Assembly, or Court before which the same shall be brought or instituted, shall receive Information that the Person presenting



sending or commencing the same hath not subscribed the said Test or Declaration, such Petition, Suit, Action, Bill, or Plaint, shall be *ex officio* dismissed, unless a proper Certificate of such Person's having subscribed said Declaration or Test shall be produced, or he shall there, if personally present, subscribe the said Declaration or Test.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Person in this State shall have the Liberty of voting in any Town-Meeting in this State, in the Choice of Officers, nor in any other Question, unless he shall have previously subscribed the said Declaration or Test.

*PROVIDED nevertheless, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That this Act shall not be construed to extend to any Person who shall take the Affirmation, or produce a Certificate, as by the said Act permitted.

*AND it is further Enacted,* That this Act shall be in Force in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and be published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Henry Ward, Esq;* Committee to draught a Letter to Lord *Howe.* and Col. *Jonathan Arnold,* forthwith prepare an Answer to the Express from Lord *Howe.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Messieurs *John G. Wanton, Christopher Ellery,* and *William Channing,* be receive the Papers, &c. and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Edward Thurston, Esq;* deceased, late Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, and to receive the Papers and Money in the said Office, giving a Receipt therefor: That they deliver the Papers to *John Foster, Esq;* taking his Receipt therefor: That the Money be by them burnt; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

WHEREAS

*W. Hunter*  
allowed £ 7  
9 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Dr. *William Hunter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Mr. *Daniel Tillinghast*, for Attendance, Medicines, and dressing a Wound he received while in the Service of this State, on board one of the Row-Gallies: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Hunter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Easton* al-  
lowed £ 6  
19 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Dr. *Jonathan Easton* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the said *Daniel Tillinghast*, for Medicines, Attendance, and dressing his Wound: And the said Account having been duly examined by Dr. *Jonathan Arnold*, who reported that *Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money of said Account, and no more, be allowed: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that said Sum be paid the said *Jonathan Easton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Holden* al-  
lowed £ 6  
15 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for three Weeks Board of five Prisoners of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Anthony Holden*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Rhodes*  
allowed 6 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Rhodes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for transcribing Papers relative to sundry Persons who refused to sign the Test, by Order of the Honorable *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Rhodes*, out of the General-Treasury.

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*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee of Safety immediately procure, on the best Terms they can, Cloathing for the Continental Troops in this State, agreeable to the Resolution of the Most Honorable the General Congress, of the Nineteenth of June last; and that the Secretary deliver to them a Copy of the said Resolution.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same Fees for Attendance be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the Assistant Clerk of this House, as are by Law already allowed to the Clerk.

WHEREAS Henry Ward, Esq; and Col. Jonathan Arnold, who were appointed a Committee to prepare an Answer to the Expreß from Lord Howe, presented unto this Assembly a Draught of a Letter to his Lordship: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be and hereby is approved; that a fair Copy thereof be made, to be signed by his Honor the Governor, and by him to be forwarded.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the following Gentle-men be and they are hereby chosen and appointed to the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, to wit:

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in King's County, in the Room of Jesse Champlin, who resigns.

Charles Dyer, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in King's County, in the Room of Robert Brown, who resigns.

Samuel Seager, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the same Regiment, in the Room of George Pierce, who resigns.

Ray Sands, Esq; Major of the same Regiment. in the Room of Charles Dyer, who is advanced.

*Officers to command the several Companies of Militia, or Trained Bands.*

PROVIDENCE.	WARWICK.
Second Company.	First Company.
Samuel Black, Lieutenant, in the Room of William Rhodes, who refuses.	James Carder, jun. Ensign, in the Room of William Lippert, who refuses.
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NEW-SHOREHAM Company.	Joseph Hopkins, <i>Lieut.</i>
John Sands, <i>Captain.</i>	Nicholas Mias, <i>Ensign.</i>
Simon Littlefield, <i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Second Company.</i>
John Pain, <i>Ensign.</i>	Jeremiah Aston, <i>Captain.</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.	Benjamin Gorton, <i>Lieut.</i>
<i>Second Company.</i>	Joseph Weaver, <i>Ensign.</i>
Samuel Potter, <i>Captain, in</i>	<i>Third Company.</i>
<i>the Room of Samuel Seager,</i>	Job Angell, <i>Captain.</i>
<i>advanced to Lieut. Col.</i>	Josiah Mathewson, <i>Lieut.</i>
EAST-GREENWICH.	Thomas Young, <i>Ensign.</i>
<i>First Company.</i>	MIDDLETOWN Company.
John Glazier, <i>Captain.</i>	John Vars, <i>Captain.</i>
Ebenezer Spencer, <i>Lieut.</i>	Oliver Durfee, <i>Lieut.</i>
William Hall, <i>Ensign:</i>	Benjamin Cornell, <i>Ensign.</i>
<i>Second Company.</i>	TIVERTON.
Allen Johnston, <i>Captain.</i>	<i>Second Company.</i>
Michael Spencer, <i>Lieut.</i>	George Westgate, <i>Captain.</i>
Stephen Greene, <i>Ensign.</i>	Ebenezer Slocum, <i>Lieut.</i>
JAMESTOWN Company.	Benjamin Borden, <i>Ensign.</i>
Edward Carr, <i>jun. Captain.</i>	HOPKINTON.
John Weeden ( <i>Son of Dan.</i>	<i>Third Company.</i>
<i>Weeden, jun.) Lieutenant.</i>	Nathan Barber, <i>Captain.</i>
Samuel Carr, <i>jun. Ensign.</i>	Jesse Burdick, <i>Lieut.</i>
SCITUATE.	Weight Burdick, <i>Ensign.</i>
<i>Fifth Company.</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE Com-
Samuel Wilbour, <i>Captain.</i>	<i>pany.</i>
Thomas Field, <i>Lieut.</i>	James Angell, <i>jun. Ensign,</i>
William Potter, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>in the Room of Jesse An-</i>
WEST-GREENWICH.	<i>gell, who refuses.</i>
<i>First Company.</i>	
Alexander Hopkins, <i>Capt.</i>	

Committee of  
Safety to de-  
duct from the  
Soldiers Wa-  
ges. the  
Money due  
to *Nathan*  
*Miller.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee of Safety of this State deduct from the Wages of such Soldiers as are indebted unto *Nathan Miller* the Amount of his Account against them: That the same be allowed the said *Nathan* by this State, provided they continue in Service until their Wages amount to the Sums due from the said Soldiers to the said *Nathan Miller*; and that he settle and pay the Rations of the Officers to this Day.

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An A C T to prevent the Depreciation of the Continental Currency, and other current Money of the United States of *America*, or the current Paper Bills of either of the States in *New-England*.

W H E R E A S many evil-minded Persons, with a View to prejudice the Cause of the United States of *America*, have made Use of several Methods to depreciate the Continental Currency, and other current Monies of the said States; to keep up the Value of which is a Matter of the greatest Importance, and essential to the Safety of the United States: For preventing such evil Practices in future, *It is Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same*, That if any Person shall hereafter receive any Discount between the Continental Currency, or the current Paper Bills of either of the States in *New-England*, and Silver or Gold in Exchange, or in receiving Monies in Payment of any Debt or Obligation, or shall sell Goods, Wares or Merchandize, or offer them for Sale, for any less Price for Silver or Gold than for either of the Currencies or Bills aforesaid, or shall by any other Ways or Means do any Act or Thing tending to depreciate the Value of said Currencies and Bills; every Person so offending, upon due Conviction thereof, by Bill, Complaint or Information, before any of the Inferior or Superior Courts in this State, shall for every Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money; one Half whereof shall upon Conviction be paid to the Informer and Prosecutor, and the other Half into the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of this State: Provided that Information be given, and the Prosecution thereupon be made, within Three Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

Act to prevent the Depreciation of the Continental Currency, and other current Monies of the United States.

A N D it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be empowered to take out an Execution upon any Judgment, until he shall upon Oath or solemn Affirmation declare that he hath never directly

directly fold or received Silver or Gold, at any higher Rates than are established by the Laws of this State, that is to say, reckoning *Six Shillings* of the said Currencies and Bills to be equal to one Silver milled Dollar, and in Gold in the like Proportion.

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*W. Champlin* appointed Capt. of the Fourth Company of Militia in *Newport*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *William Champlin* be Captain of the Fourth Company of Militia in the Town of *Newport*, in the Room of *William Downing*, who hath resigned.

Committee to deliver the Colony Stores in Mr. *Mil-ler's* Hands to Mr. *Phillips*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *George Sears* be appointed to receive, of Mr. *Nathan Miller*, the Provisions and all other Stores now in his Possession belonging to this State, and give him a Receipt therefor; and that he deliver the same to *Peter Phillips*, Esq; Commissary for supplying and issuing Provisions to the Continental Troops within this State; that he estimate the Value of the same at the prime Cost and Charges, and that he receive the Amount thereof of the said *Peter Phillips*, and pay the same into the General-Treasury.

Company to defend Fort *Liberty*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Company of Fifty Men, to be led by one Captain, and two Lieutenants, be immediately enlisted for the Defence of Fort *Liberty*, and be there stationed; that the said Officers and Men be allowed the same Wages and Rations as are allowed to the Artillery Company in the Brigade; that they be enlisted for one Year, and according to the Form of Enlistment by which the Soldiers of the Brigade were enlisted, *mutatis mutandis*; that *Samuel Sweet* be appointed Captain, *Daniel Vaughan* First-Lieutenant, and *Ebenzer Adams* Second-Lieutenant, of the said Company.

Owners of the Furnace Hope allowed £ 1300. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the Owners of the Furnace Hope, in Part of their Demand for Cannon supplied the Colony.

*J. Smith* to pay Money to the Captains of the Row-Gallies. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* pay to the Captains of the Row-Gallies the Sum of *Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, to pay off the Men.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Messieurs *Joseph Wanton, jun. Matthew Cozzens, John Haliburton, William Hunter, Samuel Gibbs, Silas Cook, jun. Anthony Lechmere, Christopher Hargill, Augustus Johnston, Andrew Christie, and Joseph Farish*, have refused and still refuse to subscribe the Test or Declaration prescribed by an Act of the Assembly, tendered to them agreeable to said Act: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons abovenamed be by the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* removed at their own Expence to the following Places, viz. Col. *Joseph Wanton* to be removed to the Town of *Jamestown*, and have the Liberty of that Town, under the Inspection of the Commander in Chief at *Rhode-Island*; and that he be permitted, whenever the said Commander in Chief shall think proper, to pass under a Guard to visit his Farm on *Prudence*, but to no other Place whatever off the Island of *Conanicut*: That *Augustus Johnston* be removed to the Town of *South-Kingstown*: That *Matthew Cozzens* be removed to *Cumberland*, *John Haliburton* to *Hopkinton*, *William Hunter* to *Smithfield*, *Samuel Gibbs* to *Scituate*, North of *Plainfield Road*, *Silas Cooke, jun.* to *South-Kingstown*, *Anthony Lechmere* to *Gloucester*, *Christopher Hargill* to *Cumberland*, *Andrew Christie* to *North Kingstown*, and *Joseph Farish* to *Cumberland*: And that they continue within the Limits of the said Towns, and support themselves therein, excepting the said *Samuel Gibbs*, who is to continue within the Limits beforementioned: That if either of said Persons transgress said Limits, they be immediately apprehended and committed to Gaol within the County to which they are removed; and if either of said Persons shall refuse to pay the Expence of their Removal, and for their Support in said Towns, that the same shall be allowed by this State; and that their Estates be immediately seized to and for the Use of the State, and their Persons immediately confined in the Gaol within the County where they are removed.

Suspected  
Persons to be  
removed  
from the  
Town of  
*Newport*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Greene* and *John Collins*, Esquires, be a Committee to wait on the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, with a Draught in Behalf of this State for *One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars*, and to request Payment, and give a Receipt for the same on Account of the Monies due to this State for the Expence of the Brigade taken into Continental Pay.

Committee  
to apply to  
Congress for  
Money due  
to the State.

July, 1776.

*P. Phillips*  
to pay Mo-  
ney into the  
General-  
Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Peter Phillips, Esq;* pay the Money he has in his Hands belonging to this State to the General-Treasurer, and take his Receipt for the same.

Sheriffs to  
commit sus-  
pected Per-  
sons on Exe-  
cutions.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That if any Sheriff for the County of *Newport*, or the Town-Serjeant of said Town, have any Writs or Executions against any or either of the Persons ordered by this Assembly to be removed out of the Town of *Newport* for not subscribing the Test Act, he and they are hereby empowered to commit such Persons to the Gaol of the County to which they are respectively removed, in the same Manner as they might commit them in the County of *Newport*; and the Sheriffs or Keepers of said Gaols are hereby ordered to receive them in like Manner as though committed by any Officer of said Counties.

Cannon re-  
ceived from  
Furnace  
Hope to be  
received in  
Part of Con-  
tract.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Nine Pound Cannon, already delivered by the Owners of the Furnace Hope to this State, be received in Part of those to be delivered by their Contract.

*Scituate* to be  
supplied with  
Lead.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Town of *Scituate* be allowed One Hundred and Thirty Pounds Weight of Lead, out of the Stock belonging to this State.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty Days send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in the respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the Third Monday in *August* next, then to meet at *Newport*.

**G O D save the UNITED STATES.**

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**HENRY WARD, Sec'y.**

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*Henry Ward*







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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the said State, on the Third *Monday* in *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Gov.*

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;	}	Assistants.
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;		
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;		
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;		
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;		
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;		
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;		
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;		

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Wanton (Son of Gideon)**Mr. Samuel Fowler,**Col. George Sears,**Gideon Wanton, Esq;**Mr. Thomas Freebody,**Col. Joseph Belcher.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. John Brown,**Mr. John Smith,**Col. Amos Atwell.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

*Mr. Jonathan Cornell,**Mr. John Coddington,**John Thurston, Esq;*

## WARWICK:

*Mr. Jacob Greene,**Charles Holden, jun. Esq;**Col. John Waterman.*

## WESTERLY:

*Major-General Joshua Babcock,**Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

*Capt. Joshua Sands,**Mr. Edward Sands, jun.*

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;**Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Col. Samuel Seagar,**Mr. Samuel Babcock, jun.*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;**Mr. Thomas Shippey.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,**Benjamin Underwood, Esq;*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;**Capt. Andrew Waterman.*

## SCITUATE:

*William West, Esq;**Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

*Richard Steere, Esq;**Col. Chad Brown.*

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Col. Joseph Stanton, jun.**Jonathan Hazzard, Esq;*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Judiah Aylesworth.*

## GOVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Westcot,**Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.*

## EXETER:

*Col. George Peirce.*

## MIDDLETOWN:

*Mr. Joshua Barker,**Mr. Nicholas Easton.*

## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;**Mr. Nathaniel Pearce.*

## TIVERTON:

*Mr. Gideon Almy,**Col. John Cook.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Mr. Thomas Brownel,**Mr. Daniel Wilbur.*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*John Dexter, Esq;*

## RICHMOND:

*Major Richard Bailey.*

## CRANSTON:

*Andrew Harris, Esq;**Mr. Zuriel Waterman.*

## HOPKINTON:

*John Larkin, Esq;**Thomas Wells, jun. Esq;*

## JOHNSTON:

*Mr. John Fenner,**Peleg Williams, Esq;*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. Thomas Olney,**Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, jun.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Edward Sotworth,**\* Capt. Thomas Allin.**JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*

**I***t is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act of this Assembly, passed at their Session, holden in *March* last past, subjecting the principal and Commanding Officers of the Colony's Brigade to the Payment of Damages sustained by any Householder, by Means of the Troops that may be quartered or billeted in such House, be in Force from and after the Thirteenth Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

WHEREAS Col. *James Arnold*, jun. Col. *John Waterman*, and Capt. *James Aborn*, were appointed by this Assembly a Committee to enquire into the Damages sustained by Capt. *Samuel Tompkins*, occasioned by the Soldiers being quartered upon him at *Prudence*, and to examine the Account by him presented for the Soldiers burning his Rails, and for supplying them with Blankets, Hay for Bedding, &c. &c. and they or the major Part of them to make Report thereon, presented to this Assembly the following Report. "We the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee to examine the within Account, and also to set a Price on the several Articles mentioned in said Account; agreeable to the said Appointment, we met this Eighteenth Day of *March*, and have duly considered and examined the said Account, and set a Price to each Article therein mentioned, according to the best of our Judgment; in Witness whereof we have severally set our Hands.

JAMES ARNOLD, jun.  
JOHN WATERMAN."

WHICH said Premises being duly considered; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby is accepted; and that the Sum of *Seventy-six Pounds Fifteen Skillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, being the Sum by said Committee estimated as Damages, be allowed and paid unto the said *Samuel Tompkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *J. Coggeshall* Mr. *Joseph Coggeshall*, for drawing Leases of the Lands lately

lately belonging to the disaffected Persons in *King's County*, which were ordered to be leased out for the Use of Government: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ten Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Coggeshall*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. W. Hockey* allowed £ 5 4<sup>1</sup>. WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel W. Hockey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expence, in removing from the Town of *Newport* divers Persons who refused to subscribe the Test; for warning the Members of the General Assembly, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Five Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Daniel W. Hockey*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to audit *J. Almy's Account*. WHEREAS Mr. *Job Almy* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against this State, for Damages, &c. he sustained by the Soldiers: Whereupon *It is Voted and Resolved*, That so much of said Account as respects the Damages, be submitted and referred to the Committee appointed for that Purpose; and that the Remainder of said Account be submitted to the standing Committee of Audit, appointed by this State.

*J. Church* allowed £ 2 8<sup>1</sup>. WHEREAS Lieutenant *Israel Church* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That in the Year 1775, he procured of Mr. *Lot Shearman* a Gun for a Soldier belonging to his Company: That said Gun was carried into *Canada*, by a Soldier in that Expedition, and was lost in the Attack upon the City of *Quebec*: That since his Return he has paid the said *Shearman Eight Dollars* for said Gun, and besought this Assembly, that the aforesaid Sum might be paid him out of the General-Treasury: Whereupon this Assembly taking the Premises into due Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be granted;

granted : That the Sum of *Eight Dollars* be paid unto the said *Israel Church*, out of the General-Treasury ; and that the same be charged to the Continent.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Abigail Barker* preferred her Petition *A. Barker's* to this Assembly, setting forth, that she was the last *Petition* Fail of the Year past possessed of a Bond executed by *granted,* *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; as General-Treasurer of the then Colony of *Rhode-Island*, bearing Date the First Day of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two, and payable the First Day of *March* then next following, for the Sum of *Nine Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Old Tenor : That by some Accident or other she had lost said Bond ; and thereupon besought this Assembly, that they would be pleased to direct the General-Treasurer either to pay her the Money due thereon, or to give her Bond for the same Sum, which will be most agreeable ; and that in case she should hereafter find said Bond she will deliver the same up to the General-Treasurer, and in the mean Time execute a proper Release for the Money due thereon, thereby absolutely discharging said Bond : And the said Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to notify the Possessor of the within Bond to produce the same for Payment, within Three Months from the Rising of this Assembly, by inserting an Advertisement for that Purpose Four Weeks in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette* : And unless said Bond be produced within the said Three Months, that the same be forfeited by the Possessor thereof ; and that at the Expiration of said Three Months, in case the said Bond be not produced, the General-Treasurer pay the Amount thereof to the said *Abigail Barker*, she giving a Discharge therefrom.

WHEREAS the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* was, Sheriff of by Order of this Assembly, to remove from out of the *Newport's Re-* Town of *Newport* those disaffected Persons who refused *port upon the* to subscribe the Test, in said Order mentioned : And *Removal of* the said Sheriff thereupon made the following Report. *undry disaf-* *ected Per-* *sons.* " Agreeable to the Act of this Assembly, and in Con- formity thereto, I have removed Col. *Joseph Wanton* " to the Town of *Jamestown*, *Augustus Johnston* to the  
B Town

“ Town of *South-Kingstown*, *Matthew Cozzens* to *Cumberland*, *Dr. John Halliburton* to *Hopkinton*, *Dr. William Hunter* to *Smithfield*, *Andrew Christy* to *North-Kingstown*, and *Silas Cooke, jun.* to *South-Kingstown*.  
 “ *Samuel Gibbs*, *Joseph Farriß*, and *Christopher Hargil*,  
 “ refusing to pay the Expence of their Removal and  
 “ Support, I committed them to the Gaol of this  
 “ State in *Providence*. *Anthony Lechmere*, who by the  
 “ aforesaid Order was also to be removed, was not nor  
 “ is not to be found, having (as it is said) embarked on  
 “ board of a Vessel belonging to *Mr. William Vernon*,  
 “ to proceed to the *West-Indies*, whereof *George Sweet*  
 “ is Master.

JABEZ CHAMPLIN, Sheriff.”

WHEREUPON the said Report being duly examined,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby  
 is accepted.

*H. Peckham*  
 allowed £ 7  
 4 s. 6 d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

WHEREAS *Mr. Henry Peckham* exhibited unto this  
 Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State,  
 for divers Repairs upon the State-House in *Newport*,  
 and Boards and Nails therefor, &c. Which said Account  
 being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the  
 same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Pounds*  
*Four Shillings and Sixpence Three Farthings*, being the  
 Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Henry Peckham*,  
 out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Stevens*  
 allowed £ 3.

WHEREAS *Mr. William Stevens* exhibited unto this  
 Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State,  
 for his Time, Horse-hire and Expence, in going, by  
 Order of his Honor the Governor, an Express to Go-  
 vernor *Trumbull*: Which said Account being duly ex-  
 amined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and  
 hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds* Lawful  
 Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the  
 said *William Stevens*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Bosworth*  
 allowed £ 1  
 15 s.

AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *Mr.*  
*William Bosworth, jun.* for boarding *Christopher Ross*,  
 a sick Person in the Service of this State: Which said  
 Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
 That



That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Bosworth, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Job Greenman*, a Soldier in the Brigade *γ. Greenman* now upon *Rhode-Island*, received a Wound, while in the Service of this State, and is thereby disabled from doing any Duty in said Brigade, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Job Greenman* be and he is hereby discharged from doing any Duty in said Brigade: That his Pay and Rations be continued him until the Time of his Inlistment shall expire; and that the Sum of *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Ninepence*, for Necessaries by him purchased of the Commissary, when confined with his Wound, be paid unto the said *Job Greenman*, by *Miscalf Bowler, Esq;* one of the Committee of Safety. allowed Wages, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Matthew Scallion*, now a Prisoner in the Gaol in *Providence*, be removed from thence to the Town of *Smithfield*, upon his Parole; and that he have Liberty to enter on board any of the Privateers fitted out from this State. M. Scallion removed to Smithfield.

WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton, jun.* Esquire's Accounts, as *γ. Stanton*, one of the Committee of Safety, were audited, and Report made to this Assembly, at their Session holden in *March* last past, and the said Report accepted, and a Balance found due thereon to said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* of *One Hundred and Forty Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence One Farthing* Lawful Money; which Balance it does not appear was ever voted to be paid him out of the General-Treasury: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Sum of *One Hundred and Forty Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence One Farthing*, be and hereby is ordered to be paid unto the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* out of the General-Treasury. jun. allowed £ 140 18 s. 5 d. 1/4

BOTH Houses, joined in a Grand Committee, recommend to the Most Honorable the General Congress of the United States of *America*, the following Persons as suitable for Field-Officers of the Brigade raised by this State, and taken into Continental Pay.

*William*

August, 1776.

*William Richmond*, Esq; Colonel, *Caleb Gardner*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Benjamin Talman*, Esq; Major, of the First Regiment.

THE following Officers are chosen and appointed in the First Regiment.

*Thomas Wells*, the 3d, *Christopher Manchester*, *James Wallace*, *Josiah Gibbs*, jun. *Benjamin Diamond*, *Samuel Philips*, jun. *Caleb Carr*, *Abimelech Riggs*, *Malachi Hamet*, *Royzel Smith*, *Lemuel Bailey*, and *Jonathan Wallen*, Captains.

*Peleg Berry*, *Walter Palmer*, *Jonathan Deval*, jun. *Philip Arnold*, *Philip Traffan*, *Benjamin West*, *Samuel Stevens*, *Squire Fisk*, *Stephen Hopkins*, *Ebenezer Macomber*, *Benjamin Church*, and *Edmond Arrow Smith*, Lieutenants.

*John Pearce*, *Peleg Simmons*, jun. *Benjamin Burroughs*, *Elisha Parker*, *Benjamin Stelle*, *John Handy*, *Samuel Hicks*, *Henry Alexander*, *Zephaniah Brown*, *Joseph Springer*, *Philip Palmer*, and *Moses Watson*, Ensigns.

*Benjamin Stelle*, Adjutant.

*John Handy*, Quarter-Master.

*John Bartlet*, Surgeon.

THE following Persons are recommended to the Most Honorable the General Congress, for Field-Officers in the Second Regiment.

*Christopher Lippel*, Esq; Colonel.

*Adam Comstock*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.

*James Tew*, Esq; Major.

THE following Officers are chosen and appointed for the Second Regiment.

*Nathaniel Blackmar*, *Jonathan Brownel*, *David Dexter*, *Loring Peck*, *John Carr*, *Thomas Gorton*, *Arthur Fenner*, *Benjamin Hoppin*, *Simeon Martin*, *Christopher Dyre*, *Thomas Arnold*, and *Lemuel Bailey*, Captains.

*Wilson Rawson*, *William Jones*, *David Searls*, *Gilbert Grant*, *Alexander Thomas*, *Isabod Prentice*, *Jacob Williams*, *Abraham Turtulot*, *William Belcher*, *Peleg Hoxfie*, *Thomas Noyes*, and *Reuben Hewit*, Lieutenants.

*Joseph Bowen*, *Gilbert Richmond*, *Samuel Dexter*, *Joseph Read*, *Brenton Bliss*, *Caleb Matthews*, *William Pullen*,  
John

*John Cowen, Philip Martin, John Holden, Benjamin Bourn, and David Melvil, Ensigns.*

*John Holden, Adjutant.*

*Benjamin Bourne, Quarter-Master.*

*Isaac Ross Blevin, Surgeon.*

*William Barton, Esq; Major of Brigade.*

OFFICERS of the Train of Artillery.

*Robert Elliot Captain, William Bull Captain-Lieutenant, Joshua Sayer First Lieutenant, Nathaniel Gladding Second Lieutenant, Rhodes Packard Lieutenant-Fireworker.*

*Reuben Ballou Captain, Amos Whipple Lieutenant, Militia and Nathaniel Gould Ensign, of the Second Company of other Officers chosen, Militia for the Town of Cumberland.*

*James Parker Captain, Barber Peckham Lieutenant, Hazard Champlin Ensign, of the Second Company of Militia for the Town of South-Kingstown.*

*Samuel Day Captain, George Streeter Lieutenant, Benjamin Ballou Ensign, of the First Company of Militia in the Town of Smithfield.*

*Stephen Smith Captain, William Troop Lieutenant, Joseph Reynolds, jun. Ensign, of the Company of Militia in the Town of Bristol.*

*John Davis Lieutenant, Stephen Pearce Ensign, in the Second Company of Militia in the Town of Little-Compton, in the Room of David Cooke and Fobes Little, who refused.*

*Andrew Harris, Esq; Justice of the Peace for the Town of Cranston, in Addition.*

*Solomon Southwick, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the District of Newport.*

*Henry Ward, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the District of Providence.*

<i>Metcalf Bowler, Esq; Chief,</i>	} Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Superior Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the State aforesaid.
<i>William Greene, Esq; Second,</i>	
<i>Shearjashub Bourn, Esq; Third,</i>	
<i>Jabez Bowen, Esq; Fourth,</i>	
<i>Thomas Wells, Esq; Fifth,</i>	

*Simon Perry, Esq; the Second Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace,*

Peace, for the County of *King's County*, refuses to accept said Office: Wherefore,

Justices of the Inferior Court for <i>King's</i> County.	<i>Sylvester Robinson</i> , Esq; Second, <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; Third, <i>Carter Hazard</i> , Esq; Fourth, <i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , Esq; Fifth,	}	Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of <i>King's</i> County.
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*George Hazard*, Esq; Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of *Newport*, resigns his Commission: Wherefore,

Justices of the Inferior Court for <i>Newport</i> .	<i>John Jepson</i> , Esq; Chief, <i>John Barker</i> , Esq; Second, <i>Thomas Church</i> , Esq; Third, <i>Benja. Underwood</i> , Esq; Fourth, <i>Gideon Wanton</i> , Esq; Fifth,	}	Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of <i>Newport</i> .
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*Daniel Rodman*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in *King's County*, in the Stead of *Ray Sands*, Esq; who refuses.

*W. Hunter* permitted to visit his Family. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Dr. William Hunter* be and he is hereby permitted to return to *Newport* to visit his Family, under their present Distress, occasioned by the dangerous Illness of one of his Children; but that he return back to *Smithfield* (the Place ordered by this Assembly for his Residence) as soon as the Situation of his Family may permit: That *John Collins*, Esq; *John Jepson*, Esq; and *Peter Phillips*, Esq; three of the Magistrates of this State, be and they are hereby appointed to direct when the said *Dr. Hunter* shall be sent back to *Smithfield*.

Committee to remove Cannon from *Providence* to *Newport*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Messieurs George Sears* and *Thomas Frebody* be and they are hereby appointed to remove the Cannon from *Providence* to *Newport*.

Governor to fill up the Vacancies in the *Providence* Militia. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That when any Vacancies shall happen in the Militia Officers in the County of *Providence*, the Company in which such Vacancy may be, shall and may recommend to his Honor the Governor a suitable Person to fill said Vacancy up; and upon his Honor the Governor's approving the Choice, he is hereby

hereby requested to commission the Person recommended accordingly.

WHEREAS Col. *John Low* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged for his Services in collecting the Militia, &c. upon the Alarms at *Warwick Neck*, *Prudence*, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Low*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to procure, and transmit as soon as may be to the Board of War at *Philadelphia*, an Account of the Number and Rank of the Prisoners of War now in this State; and also a List of the Officers of the Continental Troops in this State, and the Dates of their respective Commissions.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Peirce* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for supplying the Minute-Men upon *Jamestown* with Beef, Cheese, and Cider: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eighteen Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Peirce*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Wilbur* presented unto this Assembly his Petition, setting forth, That on the Night of the Twenty-fourth of *March* last past, his Dwelling-House in *Little-Compton* was entirely consumed by Fire: That he had every Thing of Consequence burnt therein; and among other Things he had Seventy-one or Seventy-two Dollars, in Paper Bills, emitted by this State, consumed; and thereupon besought this Assembly that they would be pleased to order the General-Treasurer to pay him out of the General-Treasury the Amount of said Bills so consumed. And the said *Joseph Wilbur* having made Oath to the Truth of the Facts in his said Petition alledged,

alleged, and this Assembly having duly considered the same, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Wilbur* be and he is hereby allowed the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds Six Shillings*, to be paid him out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Cooke* allowed £ 4 3d.

WHEREAS *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a large Book to record the Judgments of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Kent*: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Hopkins Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Power* allowed £ 128 9s. 1d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

WHEREAS *Mr. Nicholas Power* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged, for making Carriages for Guns, divers Bills paid, and for Junk, Wads, Plank, Timber, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and One Penny Half-penny* Lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid to the said *Nicholas Power*, out of the General-Treasury.

Sheriffs, Deputies, and Vendue-Masters, to sell Prize Goods at Vendue.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, made and passed at their Sessions holden in *March* last past, the Sheriffs in the several Counties in this State are authorised and empowered to dispose of any Vessels and their Cargoes, that shall be made Prize of and condemned within their respective Counties: And whereas Inconveniences have arisen from the Sheriffs being alone empowered to dispose of the said Vessels and their Cargoes, made Prize of and condemned as aforesaid, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Owners of the Privateers and the Agents hereby have Liberty to employ the Sheriff, his Deputy, or either of the Vendue-Masters within either of the Counties in which any Vessels or Goods shall be brought, that shall be made Prize of and condemned as aforesaid; who are hereby authorised to dispose of the same, agreeable to said Act; and the said Sheriff,

Sheriff, his Deputy, or Vendue-Master, employed as aforesaid, is hereby directed to dispose of the Goods, in small Quantities, by the Cask, Bag, &c. And that he have the same Fees as are already allowed by Law.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved;* That the said Sheriff, his Deputy, and Vendue-Master, and the Purchasers at the Vendue, be liable to be prosecuted at a Special Court in the same Manner as heretofore.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Court-Martial *Z. Westcot's* now convened for the Trial of Capt. Zerobabel Westcot, Trial to be proceed in said Trial, and pass Sentence agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of the Army, and cause their said Sentence to be carried into Execution. *proceeded in:*

*WHEREAS Richard Smith, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for warning the Members of this Assembly, in the County of *Bristol*, to meet at *Newport*, agreeable to a Warrant issued by his Honor the Governor for that Purpose: Which said Account being duly examined, *R. Smith allowed 12 s.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twelve Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*WHEREAS* his Honor the Governor, and Mr. *John Jenckes*, were appointed to fit out and send a Vessel to *Hispaniola*, to import Gunpowder for this State; and as it now appears that some other Parts of the *West-Indies* (other than the *British* Islands) will answer better than the said Island of *Hispaniola*, *Vessel fitting for warlike Stores to go to any Part of the West-Indies.* *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That his Honor the Governor and Mr. *Jenckes* proceed as soon as may be, and send the said Vessel to any Part of the *West-Indies* they may judge best, other than the *British* Islands aforesaid.

*WHEREAS* Mr. *Joseph Brown* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged, for his Time, Trouble and Expence, in directing the making of a Number of Gun-Carriages, and for his paying divers Bills relative thereto, for Boxes for the Carriage Wheels, *J. Brown allowed £ 183 6 s. 8 1/2*  
D Boards,

Boards, Timber and Plank for the Carriages, and Duck supplied for the Row-Gallies, &c. &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence One Farthing*, being the Balance thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Brown*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Smith to  
remove R.  
Beale, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Smith*, Deputy Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, be and he is hereby ordered forthwith to remove *Richard Beale*, *John Nichol*, *Nicholas Lechmere*, and *Thomas Vernon*, from the House and Farm of *Stephen Keech*, to some other House or Houses within the Town of *Gloucester*, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly made and passed at their Session holden in *June*, A. D. 1776: That unless the said *Richard Beale*, *John Nichol*, *Nicholas Lechmere*, and *Thomas Vernon*, pay the Expences of their Removal, and for their Board and Maintenance in said Town, that their several and respective real Estates be taken into Possession by the Sheriff for the County of *Newport*, in Behalf of this State: That the aforesaid *Richard Beale*, *John Nichol*, *Nicholas Lechmere*, and *Thomas Vernon*, have Liberty to remove their Families, to be with them in said Town, and to hire at their own Expence any House or Houses in said Town to live or reside in, upon Condition that they give their Promise in Writing to the Sheriff of said County of *Providence*, that they will not depart from said Town of *Gloucester*, without Licence first had and obtained from this Assembly: Which said Sheriff is hereby empowered to take such Promise accordingly. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Nicholas Lechmere* be and he is hereby permitted to reside in any Town in the State of *Connecticut* that he shall chuse, first having Liberty from the Committee of such Town, and giving his Parole to observe the Restrictions he shall be laid under by such Committee.

*Sheriff of  
Newport to  
commit M.  
Cozzens to  
Providence  
Gaol.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* forthwith remove Mr. *Matthew Cozzens* from the Town of *Newport* to the Town of *Providence*, and commit him to Gaol in said Town of *Providence*,



*vidence*, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly, made and passed at their Sessions holden in *July*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That if any other of the Persons removed from *Newport* shall return, or transgress the Bounds prescribed to them by this Assembly, that the Sheriffs in the several Counties within this State are hereby empowered and directed forthwith to apprehend and take such Offender, and him commit to the Gaol in the County to which he or they were removed.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court Superior of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been held in the County of *Bristol* on the Second *Monday* of *October*, and the Second *Monday* of *April* last past, fell through by Reason of the Non-attendance of the Justices of said Court: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all Business pending in said Court, of either of the Terms aforesaid, be heard and determined at the next Superior Court of Judicature, to be holden in said County on the Second *Monday* of *October* next, as by Law established; and that all Executions returnable to either of the said Terms, be returned to the next Superior Court in said County.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *King's County*, which by Law was to have sat on the Second *Monday* of *August* current, by Means of Sickness of the Justices did not sit; *Resolved*, That the said Court be revived, and be held on the Fourth *Monday* of *September* next; that all Actions brought to said Court be then and there heard and determined; that the Grand and Petit Jurors who were to have attended said Court, attend the same at the Time at which it is now ordered to be holden; that the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in said Counties issue Notifications to said Jurors accordingly; that all Executions returnable to said Court, be returned to the Time said Court is now ordered to be holden; that Appeals may be had in any Cause from said Court, with Liberty of filing Reasons of Appeal, the First or Second Days

Inferior  
Court in  
*King's County*  
revived.

Days of the Sitting of the next Superior Court for said County; and that this Act be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers as soon as may be.

Superior  
Court in *Pro-*  
*vidence* post-  
poned.

*Resolved*, That the Superior Court for the County of *Providence*, which by Law is ordered to be holden on the First *Monday* in *September* next, be not held at said Time; but that the said Court be held on the Second *Monday* of *September* next; that all Executions be returnable to the same accordingly; that the Jurors for said Court then give their Attendance; and that this Act be published in the next *Providence* Gazette and *Newport* Mercury.

Allowance to  
the Com-  
mander in  
Chief of the  
State's Bri-  
gade.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commander in Chief of the Brigade in this State, be and he is hereby allowed *Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money, *per* Month, and *Twelve Rations per* Day, from the Time of his taking the Command of said Brigade.

Governor re-  
quested to  
write the De-  
legates for a  
Pay-Master.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested immediately to write to the Delegates of this State, that they endeavour to procure the Appointment by Congress of a Pay-Master to the Brigade now in this State, as soon as may be.

Committee of  
Safety to pay  
the Brigade to  
Sept. 1, 1776.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety pay the Brigade in this State the Wages due unto them up to the First Day of *September*, and no longer, without further Orders from this Assembly; and that they draw Money sufficient for that Purpose out of the General-Treasury.

G. Hoxfie al-  
lowed 181.  
9d.

AN Account being presented unto this Assembly by Col. *Gideon Hoxfie*, wherein Mr. *Thomas Carr* had debited said *Hoxfie* for the Service of Two Pair of Oxen, in removing Cannon upon *Jamestown*, and for a large Ox-Chain lost in said Service, &c. Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful

Lawful Money be paid unto the said *Gideon Hoxsie*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Andrew Freebody* against the State, for Work and Labour done, in fitting up the Whale-Boats, and for Cedar Boards, Nails, Oakam, Tar, Pitch, &c. having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fifty-eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Andrew Freebody*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Freebody*  
allowed £ 58  
18 s. 5 d.

AN Account, charged by Capt. *Job Almy* against the State, for divers Bills paid, and Labour done, Nails, Boards, Lime, Brick, &c. in building the Barracks for the Soldiery, and for victualling the Troops, &c. was laid before and duly examined by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighty Pounds Eight Shillings and Eightpence Three Farthings* be allowed; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *Job Almy*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Almy* al-  
lowed £ 80  
8 s. 8 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$

AN Account, charged by *Benjamin Greene*, Esq; against the State, for Beef, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Cider, Hay, Wood, &c. supplied the Militia, while upon Duty at the Alarm upon *Warwick Neck*, was laid before and duly examined by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twenty-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Greene* al-  
lowed £ 27  
17 s. 4 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session, to be then heard and determined: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to

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*August, 1776.*

the respective Town-Clerks in the County ; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned unto the First Monday of September next, then to meet in the Town of Providence,

**GOD save the UNITED STATES.**

*Published according to Order, on Tuesday the Third Day of September, A. D. 1776, by*

**HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.**

A TRUE COPY, duly examined :

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward Sec'y.*

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Monday* of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.*

SIMEON POTTER, Esq,

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

THOMAS CHURCH, Esq,

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. Samuel Fowler,*  
*Col. George Sears,*  
*Col. Joseph Belcher.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. John Brown,*  
*Mr. John Smith,*  
*Col. Amos Atwell.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

*John Thurston, Esq;*

## WARWICK:

*Mr. Jacob Greene,*  
*Charles Holden, jun. Esq;*  
*Col. John Waterman.*

## WESTERLY:

*Major-General Joshua Babcock,*  
*Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;*  
*Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Mr. Samuel Babcock.*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;*  
*Thomas Shippey, Esq;*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,*  
*Benjamin Underwood, Esq;*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;*  
*Capt. Andrew Waterman.*

## SCITUATE:

*William West, Esq;*  
*Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

*Richard Steere, Esq;*  
*Col. Chad Brown.*

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq;*  
*Jonathan J. Halfard, Esq;*

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*Thomas Tillinghast, Esq;*  
*Judiah Aylesworth, Esq;*

## COVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Westcor,*  
*Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.*

## EXETER:

*Col. George Peirce,*

## MIDDLETOWN:

*Mr. Joshua Barker,*  
*Mr. Nicholas Easton.*

## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;*  
*Col. Nathaniel Pearce.*

## TIVERTON:

*Col. John Cook.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Mr. Thomas Brownel,*  
*Mr. Daniel Wilbur.*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,*  
*Col. Sylvester Child.*

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*John Dexter, Esq;*  
*Mr. Elisha Waterman.*

## RICHMOND:

*Major Richard Bailey.*

## CRANSTON:

*Andrew Harris, Esq;*  
*Mr. Zuriel Waterman.*

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*John Larkin, Esq;*  
*Thomas Wells, Esq;*

## JOHNSTON:

*Mr. John Fenner,*  
*Peleg Williams, Esq;*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Major Thomas Olney,*  
*Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, jun.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Edward Bosworth,*  
*Capt. Thomas Allin.*

*JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*



**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That the two Regiments in the Service of this State proceed, under the particular Directions of the Commander in Chief of the Brigade, to *Long-Island*, for the Protection of the Inhabitants and the Stock on said Island; together with a Detachment to consist of Forty Men from the Artillery Company, with two Field-Pieces not exceeding Four-Pounders, under the Direction of such Officers as the said Commander shall think proper: That Colonel *Lippit* immediately proceed with his Regiment, and said Detachment from the Artillery Company; and that the other Regiment be held in Readiness to march at a Moment's Warning, when ordered by the Commander in Chief of this State.

Brigade in this State to proceed to *Long-Island*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the standing Committee of Audit for this State enquire into the Number of Cannon now in the Service thereof, and of whom they were purchased, and what Price they cost; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Standing Committee to enquire into the Number of Cannon belonging to this State.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* be and he is hereby appointed to visit the several Fortifications in this State, and to enquire into the Number and Sizes of the Cannon in each and every Fortification, and likewise the Number of Cannon now in Possession of the State, and in what Towns they are: That he take an exact Account of the Number that are mounted upon different Carriages, with their several Sizes: That he enquire what Number of Cannon have been taken from any of the Forts, and by whom, and who are the present Owners of any of the Cannon in this State's Possession; and that he make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That not any Person in future take any of the Cannon now in Possession of this State, upon any Pretence whatever, unless Permission first be had therefor from this Assembly, upon the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, to and for the Use of this State.

*N. Mumford* appointed to take the Number and Size of the Cannon belonging to this State.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the University or College in this State preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That divers Persons in *Great-Britain*, *Ireland*, and different States in *America*, of charitable and benevolent Dispositions, sensible of the many and great Advantages derived to Society from the Establishment of useful Seminaries of Learning, have generously contributed towards endowing the said College: That their Donations have been made upon express Condition that the principal Sum should be placed at Interest upon good Security, and be for ever kept undiminished, and that the Interest should be applied to the Support of the President, and other Uses for the Benefit of said Institution: That many of the Donors were solicitous that the Money so given should be put to Interest out of this State, but it being thought that the introducing so large a Sum of circulating Specie would be of eminent Service, the Corporation offered it (being almost the whole of their Funds, and amounting to upwards of *Four Thousand Dollars*) to the General Assembly, who were pleased to receive it into the public Treasury, and to order the Interest of it to be paid annually: That by an Act, passed in *March* last, all Persons to whom any Money was due from the State were ordered to receive it by a limited Time, upon Penalty of forfeiting the Interest; and that the said Act will operate greatly to the Prejudice of said Institution, unless this Assembly should think proper to make an Exception in its Favour. And thereupon prayed this Assembly, that the Fund aforesaid might be continued in the General-Treasury, upon the same Terms upon which it was at first received.

Petition of the Corporation of the College in this State granted.

AND this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, and having maturely considered the same, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*W. Chace* allowed £1 4<sup>d</sup>.

WHEREAS Dr. *William Chace* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Medicines by him furnished, and for his Attendance upon *John Holloway*, a Soldier in Capt. *James Tew's* Company, in the Service of this State: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Chace*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. T. Wales* allowed £3 11. 8<sup>d</sup>.

WHEREAS Mr. *Peter T. Wales* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines by him supplied, and Attendance upon *David Anthony*, jun. a Soldier in Capt. *John Carr's* Company, in the Service of this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds One Shilling and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter T. Wales*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to receive the Records, &c. of the late and deliver them to the present Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Kent.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Stephen Mumford* and *Gideon Mumford* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive the Books of Record belonging to the Office of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the County of *Kent*, of Mr. *Hopkins Cooke*, late Clerk of said Court, and deliver the same to Mr. *Andrew Boyd*, the present Clerk of said Court, they giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee to adjust the Accounts of *E. Cole* and *G. Rome*. *T. Sheffield* allowed £5 13 s. 3 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the standing Committee adjust the Accounts of *Edward Cole* and *George Rome*, and receive the Balances; and that they make Report of their Proceedings to this Assembly.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Sheffield* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for victualling Part of the Militia in the County of *King's County*, who were called together upon an Alarm; for the Ride of his Horse to warn said Militia, and for billeting four Men stationed as Watchmen to guard the Shores in said County: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Threepence* of said Account be allowed; and that the same be paid the said *Thomas Sheffield*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Noyes* allowed £15

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Noyes* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash by him paid to four Men for their Service in watching the Shores in *Westerly*, and for billeting the said four Men during said Time: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Noyes*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Noyes* allowed £14 4 s.

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Noyes* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against this State, for the Expences of a Guard at *Watch-Hill*, in *Westerly*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Fourteen Pounds Four Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Noyes*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Nicholas Davis, Jonathan Nash, John Rock, and John N. Davis, J. Taylor*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Services in watching the Shores in *Charlestown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Nicholas Davis, Jonathan Nash, John Rock, and John Taylor*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Nash, J. Rock, and J. Taylor, allowed £ 12 12 s.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Foster* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for billeting a Number of Persons who watched the Shores in *Westerly*: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Five Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Jonathan Foster*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Foster allowed £ 4 5 s. 8 d.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Towns of *Bristol, Westerly, Charlestown, North-Providence, Coventry, Warwick, Cumberland, Johnston, West-Greenwich, Barrington and Smithfield*, be and they are hereby permitted to erect an Hospital for the Inoculation of the Small-Pox within their respective Towns, they complying with the Regulations contained in an Act made and passed in *June, A. D. 1776*, for introducing Inoculation within this State.

*Divers Towns permitted to erect Hospitals for Inoculation.*

WHEREAS Col. *Robert Brown* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Monies by him advanced to fundry Persons for watching the Shores in *North-Kingstown*, and for Wood provided for the Use of said Watch: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-seven Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Robert Brown*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Brown allowed £ 37 12 s.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Peter T. Wales* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines by him provided for and Attendance on fundry sick Soldiers in the Service of this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Peter T. Wales*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. T. Wales allowed £ 2 5 s.*

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene, Esq;* one of the standing Committee, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time in settling and adjusting the Accounts of the Commissary, the Committee of Safety, and divers other Accounts; for the Hire of his Horse, and for his Expences and Attendance at several Sessions of Assembly, and divers other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-four Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Greene allowed £ 34 4 s. 6 d.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, another of said Committee, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time in settling and adjusting a Number of Accounts, for Horse-Hire, Expences and Attendance at several Sessions of Assembly, and

*N. Mumford allowed £ 29 11 s. 8 d.*

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divers other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twenty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Mumford* WHEREAS *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; another of said Committee, laid be-  
 allowed £ 21 fore this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for  
 13 s. 11 d. his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in attending at several Sessions of  
 Assembly, and for his Services in settling and adjusting the Accounts of  
 the Committee of Safety, and divers other Accounts: And the said  
 Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same  
 be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-  
 one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid the  
 said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. B. Simpson* WHEREAS *William Brooks Simpson*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly  
 for allowed £ 6. an Account, by him charged against the State, for filing an Answer to  
 the Action brought by the Town of *Smithfield* against the General-Trea-  
 surer, for arguing the Cause to the Jury, and attending on the same at  
 several Terms of the Court: And the said Account being duly examined,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds* Lawful Money of said Account,  
 and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid the said *William  
 Brooks Simpson*, out of the General-Treasury.

Cannon be long-  
 ing to  
 J. Overing  
 and J. Isaacs,  
 to be delivered  
 to J. Smith. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the four Four-Pounders belonging to  
 Mr. *Henry John Overing*, and the three Four-Pounders belonging to  
*Jacob Isaacs*, in the Possession of this State, be delivered to Mr. *John  
 Smith*, he producing an Order for the same from the aforementioned Per-  
 sons, they first making Proof of their Property to the Satisfaction of  
*Peter Phillips*, Esq; and giving up the Receipts given therefor in Behalf  
 of this State.

State of D.  
 Tillinghast's  
 Account WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mum-  
 ford*, Esquires, the standing Committee for this State, laid before this  
 Assembly a State of the Account of *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of the  
 Committee of Safety, together with their Report thereon, which are as  
 follow, *to wit*:

*Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State  
 of *Rhode-Island; &c.* Dr.

1776.	}	To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer as per his Certificate, dated August 3, 1776,	}	£ 7156 13 9
Aug. 3.				
		To Amount of sundry Deductions and Overcharges,	}	15 10 6

Balance due to *Daniel Tillinghast*,

7172	4	3
157	16	6
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7330	0	9

Creditor.

1776.	}	By the Amount of your Account against the Continent, for Sundries supplied the Troops marching through this Place,	}	275 10 4
Aug. 3.				
		By Amount of your Account against the Laboratory	}	230 9 1

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By Amount of your Account of Supplies for } the State,	£ 4619	0	4
By Amount of fundry Receipts for Small Arms,	67	0	0
By Amount of the Row-Galley } Spitfire's Account,	£ 455	9	9
By Amount of Muster-Roll for Ditto,	590	14	0
		1046	3 9
By Amount of the Muster-Rolls of Part of } five Companies,		1019	8 9
			7257 12 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
By Commissions on	£ 7257	12	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Deduct	15	10	6
			7242 1 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Amounts to		72	8 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
			7330 0 9

Providence, August 7, 1776.

Errors excepted, for and in Behalf of *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq;  
Per JOSEPH GREEN.

Providence, August 7, 1776. This Day settled and adjusted this Account, by carefully examining the Charges and Vouchers for them.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is D. Tillinghast Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that the Balance thereof, being *One Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury. allowed £ 157 16 11 6 d.

WHEREAS the beforementioned Committee presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of Mr. *Nathan Miller*, Commissary, with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Mr. *Nathan Miller* to the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.

1776. } To Amount of the Balance due to the State,	£ 2087	4	5
Aug. 24. } on Settlement of your Account,			
	To an Overcharge in <i>Isaac Pierce's</i> Account,	12	1 1
	To 10,055 lb. of Tallow, at 4 d.	167	11 8
		2266	17 2
1776. } Creditor.			
Aug. 24. } By Amount of your Account,	2229	14	4
	By Commissions on £ 2229 14 4, at 1 per Cent.	22	5 8
		2252	0 0
	Balance due to the State,	14	17 2
		2266	17 2

Newport, August 24, 1776.

Errors excepted.

Per NATHAN MILLER.

Newport,

Newport, August 24, 1776. This Day finished examining carefully the Vouchers and Charges of the foregoing Account, and making the above State.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

N. Miller to pay £ 14 17s. 2 d. into the General-Treasury. AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that the Balance thereof, being *Fourteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, due from the said *Nathan Miller* to the State, be by him paid into the General-Treasury.

T. Allin allowed £ 25 11 s. 10 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Allin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials, by him provided for and the Iron-Work of sundry Field-Carriages: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Thomas Allin*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Pearce allowed £ 44 1 s. 4 d. WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Pierce* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Iron-Work of two Field-Pieces belonging to the Artillery Company in the Town of *Warren*, and for the Iron-Work of several Carriages for the Battery at *Bristol Ferry*: Which said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty-four Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Jonathan Pierce*, out of the General-Treasury.

C. Child allowed £ 321 19 s. 11½ WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials by him furnished for the Iron-Work and making of sundry Field and Ship Gun-Carriages: Which Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

State of J. Cook's Account. WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, the standing Committee for this State, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of Col. *John Cook*, one of the Committee of Safety, with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Col. *John Cook*, one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.

To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, per his Certificate, dated August 2, 1776,	£ 1840 16 0
Balance due to <i>John Cook</i> ,	673 2 9
	<hr/> 2513 18 9

Creditor:

By Amount of your Account,	2233 5 0
By Commissions on £ 2233 5, at 1 per Cent.	22 6 7
By Amount of Muster-Roll of Capt. <i>John Carr's</i> Company,	£ 123 14
By Ditto Capt. <i>Nathaniel Church's</i> Company,	132 2
	<hr/> 255 16 0
By Commissions on £ 255 16, at 1 per Cent.	2 11 2

Newport, August 21, 1776.

2513 18 9

Newport, August 21, 1776. This Day finished examining carefully the Accounts and Vouchers, and stating the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, *J. Cook* allowed, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed £ 673 <sup>2 s. 9 d.</sup> *lowed*, and that the Balance thereof, being *Six Hundred and Seventy-three* Pounds Two Shillings and Ninepence Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Cook*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; two of the beforementioned Committee, exhibited unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, together with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

*Stephen Mumford*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

1776. } To Amount of Cash received of the General-  
Aug. 10. } Treasurer, as per his Certificate, dated } £ 2990 0 0  
August 2, 1776,

Creditor.

By Amount of your Account for sundry Supplies, and Pay to the Troops, &c. } 2661 17 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
By Commissions on 2611 l. 2 s. having deducted } 26 2 3  
50 l. paid to the Treasurer in hard Money, }

Balance due to the State,

2687 19 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
302 0 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

East-Greenwich, August 10, 1776.

2990 0 0

Errors excepted,

Per STEPHEN MUMFORD.

East Greenwich, August 10, 1776. This Day carefully examined the Vouchers, and adjusted and stated this Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, *S. Mumford* That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that the Balance thereof, being *Three Hundred and Two* Pounds and Eightpence Three Farthings Lawful Money, due from the said *Stephen Mumford* to the State, be by him paid into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, the standing Committee for this State, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of *John Northup*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, together with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

*John Northup*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

1776. } To Amount of Cash you received of the Ge-  
Aug. 9. } neral-Treasurer, as per his Certificate, dated } £ 740 0 0  
Aug. 2, 1776,

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To

To Amount of Cash you received since, per } £ 400 0 0  
your Account,

1140 0 0

Creditor.

By Amount of your Account to Aug. 5, 995 18 8  
By Amount of your Account to Aug. 19, 317 18 7½  
By Commissions on 317 l. 18 s. at 1 per Cent. 3 3 4½

1117 0 8

22 19 4

Balance due to the State,

Newport, Aug. 19, 1776.

1140 0 0

Errors excepted,

Per JOHN NORTHUP.

Newport, Aug. 19, 1776. This Day carefully examined the Accounts and Vouchers, and stated the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,

THOMAS GREENE,

GIDEON MUMFORD.

J. Northup  
to pay £ 22  
19 s. 4 d. into  
the General-  
Treasury.

AND the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that the Balance thereof, being *Twenty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, due from the said John Northup to the State, be by him paid into the General-Treasury.

Addition to  
the Artillery  
Companies in  
fundry  
Towns.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That an Addition of Eleven Men be raised and made to the Artillery Company in the Town of *Westerly*: That an Addition also of Fourteen Men be raised and made to each of the Artillery Companies in the Towns of *South-Kingsdown* and *North-Kingsdown*: And that the Artillery Companies, heretofore ordered to be raised in this State, be equipped with Small-Arms and Bayonets, at their own Expence; and that they be subject to be drafted.

£ 20,000  
Lawful Mo-  
ney to be  
emitted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, in Lawful Money Bills of public Credit, be struck off; that Mr. *John Brown*, *Joshua Babcock*, and *John Dexter*, Esquires, be a Committee to draw up an Act accordingly; and that Messieurs *John G. Wanton*, *John Cole*, *Thomas Greene*, *Joseph Clarke*, *John Dexter*, *Welcome Arnold*, *James Congdon* the Third, and *Jonathan Haszard*, be the Signers of said Bills.

Committee to  
wait on Ge-  
neral Wash-  
ington.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joshua Babcock*, *John Collins*, and *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, they or any two of them to wait on his Excellency General *Washington*, to acquaint him with the State of this Government, and confer with him respecting the best Method of defending the same.

Officers cho-  
sen.

BOTH Houses, in a Grand Committee, chose *Ray Sands*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in *King's County*, in the Room of *Samuel Seagar*, who is gone to Sea.

*Ezek Olney*, Ensign of the Company of Militia in *North Providence*, in the Room of *James Angell*, jun. who declined

*Joseph Draper*, Lieutenant of the Third Company of Militia in *West-Greenwich*, in the Room of *Jesiah Mathewson*, who refused

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Draught of a Letter to his Excellency General *Washington*, drawn up and presented to this Assembly by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, be approved of; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to sign and transmit the same by the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency, to confer with him on the subject Matter thereof.

Draught of a Letter to General *Washington* approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, and Mr. *John Jenckes*, have Liberty to draw out of the General-Treasury the Amount of the Cargo of the Sloop *Diamond*, purchased by them for this State, and of her Outfits, agreeable to a Vote of this Assembly.

Governor and *J. Jenckes* to draw out of the Treasury the Amount of the Cargo and Outfits of the Sloop *Diamond*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonels *Church*, *Cook*, and *Belcher*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine all the Arms of the Brigade on *Rhode-Island*, and to have the same and all other Arms belonging to this State put in the best Order; and that they remove such of the Cannon from the Town of *Newport* as shall not be mounted, to such Places upon the Main as they may think most for the Service of this State.

Committee to examine the Arms belonging to the Brigade, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Troops on the Island of *James-town* be removed to the Town of *Newport*; and that the Cannon on said Island be removed to such Place as the Committee appointed to examine the Arms of the Brigade shall think most for the Service of this State.

Troops and Cannon to be removed from *James-town*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Cromel Child* and *Sylvester Child* immediately build Ten flat-bottomed Boats, for the Use of this State, large enough to transport about Seventy Men each.

Committee to build flat-bottomed Boats.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be recommended to Mr. *Thomas T. Greene* to furnish the Commissary of the Brigade in this State from Time to Time with so much of the Salt in his Hands, belonging to the Continent, as he may stand in Need of, for the Use of said Brigade.

*T. Greene* to furnish the Commissary of the Brigade with Salt.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Rolls be delivered to the standing Committee this Evening; that they proportion the Salt to the several Towns, according to the Number of Inhabitants in this State; and that they make Report of the same to this Assembly in the Morning.

Standing Committee to proportion the Salt to the several Towns.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, the standing Committee of Audir for this State, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of *John Smith*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

State of *J. Smith's* Account.

*John Smith*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.

1776.	} To Cash you received of the General-Treasu- Aug. 17. } rer, as <i>per</i> his Certificate,	} £ 8705 14 3
	To Amount of 13,250 lb. of Coffee, <i>per</i> Sloop <i>Joseph</i> , at 10 d.	} 552 1 8
	To Cash you received of Capt. <i>Wood</i> , brought home in the Brig,	} 38 16 0
	To Balance of Wine sold at Vendue,	57 2 0
	To 1135 lb. Tallow you received of <i>Peter</i> <i>Phillips</i> , Esq;	} 23 12 11
		Balance

To Amount of Wages paid to sundry Soldiers, being charged and settled in your last Account, which is now included in the Muster-Roll, settled to August 1, 1776,		£	613	3	6
To Amount of Cash you charge paid John Grimes, which is charged by Col. Daniel Tillinghast, in the Spitfire Galley's Muster-Roll, and is now repaid you by Col. Tillinghast,			111	8	0
To 45 Kegs of Brandy, per Sloop Joseph, at 24 s.			54	0	0
To 20 Ditto, at 40 s.			40	0	0
			10195	18	4
Balance due to John Smith,			142	9	8½
			10338	8	0½
1776. } Creditor.					
Aug. 17. } By Amount of your Account,			4356	3	6
			973	6	4
			866	13	4
			1166	4	9
			1040	7	0
			670	10	10
			1162	15	3½
			10236	1	0½
			102	7	0
			10338	8	0½
Providence, August 17, 1776.					
Errors excepted,					
Per JOHN SMITH.					

Providence, August 17, 1776. This Day finished examming the Vouchers, and settling and stating this Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

J. Smith allowed £ 142 9 s. 8½

AND the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that the above Account be allowed, and that the Balance thereof, being *One Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Nine Shillings and Eightpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid to the said John Smith, out of the General-Treasury.

B. Man allowed £ 44 3 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Benjamin Man, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Quantity of round, grape and double-headed Shot, by him delivered to Ezek Hopkins, Esq; in November last, for the Use of this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty-four Pounds Three Shillings*

*lings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Benjamin Man.* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Joseph Hoxie*, Col. *John Gardner*, and Col. *John Cook*, were heretofore appointed Special Justices, to sit, hear and determine, in certain Causes pending in the Superior Court, &c. in and for the County of *King's County*, between *Royzel Smith* and others, in the Room of *Metcalf Bowler* and *William Greene*, Esquires, who were Referrees in said Cases, and *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; who was absent, and final Judgment on the said Report to make; which said Justices were commissioned accordingly, but the Court to which said Special Justices were appointed to hear and determine said Causes never met, so as to determine the same: *Therefore, Resolved*, That the said Special Justices be and they are hereby empowered, by Virtue of their Commissions heretofore granted them, to sit, hear and determine upon said Report, and final Judgment to make at the next Superior Court in and for said County, together with *Shearjashub Bourn*, and *Jabez Bowen*, Esquires, two of the Justices of the same Court, or either of them.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Dr. *William Hunter*, and Dr. *John Halliburton*, have the Liberty of returning to the Town of *Newport*, there to remain until next *October* Session of Assembly.

Doctors *Hunter* and *Halliburton* permitted to return to *Newport*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Keech* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for eleven Weeks Board of *John Nicoll*, *Richard Beale*, *Nicholas Lechmere*, and *Thomas Vernon*: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nineteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Keech*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Keech* allowed £ 19 16 s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That no Part of the Salt ordered to be distributed within this State, be delivered to the Town of *New-Shoreham*; but that their Proportion thereof be reserved for said Inhabitants, to salt any Provisions that may be brought from the said Town to the Main, there to be disposed of.

No Salt to be delivered to *New-Shoreham*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Daniel Owen* be and he is hereby appointed to procure suitable and convenient Places, within the Town of *Gloucester*, for *Richard Beale*, *Thomas Vernon*, and *John Nicoll*; and that he immediately remove them to such Places accordingly.

*R. Beale* and others to be removed to *Gloucester*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Peter Turner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines by him provided for and his Attendance on a sick Soldier, belonging to Capt. *Job Pierce's* Company: Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Four Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Peter Turner*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Turner* allowed £ 3 4 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Isaac Corey* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Billeting and Ferriages of a Number of Soldiers and Minute-Men, for Timber, Plank, and other Materials by him provided for the Barracks on *Rhode-Island*, for Liquors by him supplied at divers Times to the Officers and Soldiers, for Damage done to his House and Furniture by the Soldiers, and divers other Expences: And the said Account having been referred to the standing

Committee of Audit for this State, who, after having carefully examined the same, reported the Sum of *Eighty-three Pounds Two Shillings* Lawful Money due thereon: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid to the said *Isaac Corey*, out of the General-Treasury.

Bill for emitting 66,670 Dollars,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars* be immediately struck off in Bills of Credit, and placed in the General-Treasury: That said Bills be of the following Form, *to wit*: "The Possessor of this Bill shall be paid, by the General-Treasurer of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, Dollars, within Six Years from the Date hereof. By Order of Assembly. *Providence*, the Fifth Day of *September*, A. D. 1776." That said Bills be signed by the following Persons, *to wit*: *John G. Wanton, John Cole, Thomas Greene, John Dexter, Joseph Clarke, Welcome Arnold, James Congdon, 3d, and Jonathan Hazzard*, Three of whom shall sign all Bills of One Dollar and upwards, and Two all Bills under One Dollar; and that said Bills be of the following Denominations, *to wit*:

700	Bills of <i>Thirty Dollars</i> each,	21,000 Dol.
600	<i>Twenty Dollars</i> ,	12,000
667	<i>Ten Dollars</i> ,	6,670
600	<i>Eight Dollars</i> ,	4,800
600	<i>Seven Dollars</i> ,	4,200
600	<i>Six Dollars</i> ,	3,600
600	<i>Five Dollars</i> ,	3,000
600	<i>Four Dollars</i> ,	2,400
600	<i>Three Dollars</i> ,	1,800
600	<i>Two Dollars</i> ,	1,200
2000	<i>One Dollar</i> ,	2,000
4000	<i>Half a Dollar</i> ,	2,000
4000	<i>One-Quarter of a Dollar</i> ,	1,000
4000	<i>One-Eighth of a Dollar</i> ,	500
8000	<i>One-Sixteenth of a Dollar</i> ,	500
<hr/> 28,167		<hr/> 66,670 Dollars, at (6s. each, is £ 20,001.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That said Bills be a lawful Tender for paying and discharging all Contracts, Debts, Dues and Demands whatsoever, whether of a public or private Nature; and that said Bills be redeemed within Six Years from the Time of Emission.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That said Committee be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury *One-Quarter per Cent.* for their Trouble: That they procure Paper for the same at the Charge of the State: That Mr. *John Carter* be employed to print said Bills. at *One Shilling and Fourpence* for every Hundred Bills; and that *Joseph Clarke, Esq.* be appointed to superintend the Press.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Clarke, Esq.* procure at the Charge of the State new Escutcheons, and such other Devices as may be necessary for printing said Bills.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Manley* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services as one of the Standing Committee, in auditing and examining sundry Accounts at *June* and *July* Sessions of Assembly: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Manley*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Manley* allowed £ 1 19 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Fenner*, late Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds One Shilling and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Fenner*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Fenner* allowed £ 3 1 s. 3 d.

RESOLVED, That no Person chosen to any Office, civil or military, within this State, shall officiate in his Office after one Month from the Rising of this Assembly, without previously subscribing the Test prescribed by Law, in the Presence of a Member of Assembly, under the Penalty of *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered before the Inferior Court for the County where the Offence shall be committed, to be paid into the General-Treasury of this State: And that no Person shall act as a Counsellor or Attorney, in any Court of Record in this State, after said one Month, without subscribing said Test, in like Manner as above, under the like Penalty, and to be recovered in like Manner. *Provided nevertheless*, That this Act be not construed to extend to such Persons as shall take the Affirmation prescribed for tender Consciences, or produce a Certificate of his being in Union with the People called Friends, from the Clerk of their Meeting; and that this Act be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

All Officers, &c. to subscribe the Test.

WHEREAS Capt. *Afa Kimball* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services as Conductor and Engineer of the Works of Defence on *Rhode-Island*, for one Blanket by him supplied to a Soldier newly enlisted, for one Barrel used for Tubs in digging the Well at the Fort, and for his Expences attending the Assembly at *East-Greenwich*, as an Evidence in the Trial of Col. *Babcock*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account having been duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid the said *Afa Kimball*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Kimball* allowed £ 11 8 s.

WHEREAS there is no Provision, by Law, for the Town-Clerks in this State, to be paid for their Trouble in attending Town-Meetings, to draw Jurors for the Trial of Prize Causes:

Allowance made to Town-Clerks for drawing Jurors in Prize Causes.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That each Town-Clerk who shall attend and do his Duty at such Town-Meeting, for drawing Jurors to attend the Trial of any Prize Cause or Causes, to be tried at the Maritime Court in this State, shall be allowed the Sum of *Six Shillings* Lawful Money, for his Attendance and Trouble therein; which Sum shall be taxed and allowed by the Judge of said Court, to be paid out of the Money arising from the Sale of the Prize condemned, in the same Manner as other Charges are by Law ordered to be paid.

WHEREAS

*A. Page* al-  
lowed £ 3  
5 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS *Ambrose Page*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for one Anchor for the Use of the Row-Galley *Washington*: Which said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Five Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Ambrose Page*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Bradford,*  
*C. Holden,* and  
*J. Brown*, al-  
lowed £ 5  
17 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; Messieurs *Charles Holden* and *John Brown*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going to *Newport*, to place the Twenty-seven Cannon purchased of the Owners of *Furnace Hope*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, be paid out of the General-Treasury, in the following Manner, that is to say, to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *One Pound Two Shillings*, Mr. *John Brown*, *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Threepence*, and to Mr. *Charles Holden*, *One Pound Eight Shillings*.

Committee to  
act in the Re-  
cess of the As-  
sembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, the Deputy-Governor, and the Members of the General Council, any Five of whom to be a Quorum, together with such of the Deputies belonging to the respective Towns in this State as may attend, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to act and transact all such Business as the Exigency of public Affairs, during the Recess of the General Assembly, may require, and to advise his Honor therein; and that all Orders by them made and issued, and all other their Transactions, be laid before the next Session of the General Assembly.

*J. Andrews*  
allowed £ 11  
6 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Andrews* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Quantity of Pitch-Pine Plank by him furnished for the Use of said State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eleven Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Andrews*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Waterman*  
appointed Ins-  
pector of  
Salt-Petre in  
the County of  
*Providence*.  
&c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Rufus Waterman* be, and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Salt-Petre in the County of *Providence*, in the Room of *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and that the said *Rufus* draw on the General-Treasurer from Time to Time for the Amount of the Salt-Petre he may receive on Account of this State. And *it is further Resolved*, That the several Inspectors immediately deliver the Salt-Petre they may have on Hand to Mr. *John Waterman*: That they from Time to Time deliver what they may hereafter receive to the said *John Waterman*, who is appointed to receive the same, and make it into Powder for the Use of this State; and that the Expence of transporting the Salt-Petre to the said *John Waterman's* be paid by this State.

200 Arms to  
be sent for.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Hundred Small-Arms be sent for in the Vessel ordered to be fitted out by this Assembly, on Account of this State.

Cloathing,  
Tents, &c.  
to be provided  
for the Bri-  
gade.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety immediately furnish the Commissary with the necessary Cloathing for the Brigade in this State, and that the Commissary deliver them to the Captains, at  
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the prime Cost and Charges, who are to deliver the same to said Troops at the same Price, and to account therefor to the Commissary; that as many Tents and Marquees be immediately made as by the Return of the Colonels-Commandant shall be thought necessary, and that Messieurs *Thomas Greene* and *Jacob Greene* be requested to deliver as much of the Continental Duck now in their Hands as shall be wanted for the Purpose aforesaid to the Committee of Safety, who are directed to have the said Tents made as soon as may be; and the said Committee are further directed to insert an Advertisement in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*, for procuring Fifteen Hundred Pair of Yarn Stockings, and Fifteen Hundred Pair of double-soled Shoes, for the Use of the Brigade, and notifying that a good Price will be given for the same.

WHEREAS the Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *Newport* hath issued an Execution on a Judgment obtained by *Peter Mumford*, against *Moses Hart*, returnable to the next Inferior Court to be held in *Newport*, in which there is a manifest Mistake: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of *Newport*, to whom said Execution was delivered, re-deliver the same to the Clerk of said Court, and that he issue another Execution agreeable to the Judgment obtained by the said *Mumford* against the said *Hart*.

Mistake in an Execution in Favour of *P. Mumford* rectified.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the standing Committee examine the Accounts of Commodore *Hopkins*, respecting the Money by him received of the General-Treasurer; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Standing Committee to examine the Accounts of *E. Hopkins*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Richmond* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines by him furnished for and Attendance upon *Aaron Grinnel*, a sick Soldier belonging to Capt. *Christopher Manchester's* Company: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Benjamin Richmond*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Richmond* allowed £ 2 3<sup>1</sup>.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor sign an Order to Major *Elliot*, to deliver to Mrs. *Mary Mason* the two Swivel Guns taken from her by Order of *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; when Commander in Chief of the Forces on *Rhode-Island*.

Swivel Guns to be delivered to Mrs. *Mason*.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of *New-Shoreham*, from their peculiar Situation, are entirely in the Power of the Enemy, and very pernicious Consequences may attend the Intercourse of the said Inhabitants with the Continent, by means of the Intelligence and Supplies which the Enemy may procure thereby: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Inhabitants be and they are hereby prohibited from coming from said Island into any other Part of this State, upon Pain of being considered as Enemies to the State, and of being imprisoned in the Gaol in the County where they may be found, there to remain until they shall be discharged by the General Assembly. And all Officers, both civil and military, and every other Person being an Inhabitant of this State, is hereby directed and empowered to apprehend all Persons so offending, and to commit them as aforesaid.

Inhabitants of *New-Shoreham* restricted from coming off said Island.

*PROVIDED* nevertheless, That this Act shall not extend to any Inhabitant of the said Island, who shall remove from thence with his or her Family, with an Intention to settle in any other Part of the United States.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That in case any Person in this State shall be convicted of having any Intercourse or Correspondence with the Persons so offending, he or she shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, to the Use of this State, *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered by the General-Treasurer, at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County where the Offence shall be committed.

*IT is further Resolved*, That a Copy of this Act be inserted in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

*I. Pierce* to take Possession of Buildings, &c. No Person in the Brigade to be exchanged without Permission of the Commander in Chief.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Isaac Pearce* have Liberty to take into his Possession the Buildings and Rails belonging to him on the Farm lately improved by him on *Jamestown*, now in the Possession of this State.

*H. Cooke* to deliver the Salt in the County of Kent.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That no Person be exchanged in future in the Brigade, without the Permission of the Commander in Chief of this State.

Governor to answer the Letter received from Governor *Trumbull*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Hopkins Cooke* be appointed to deliver out all the Salt in the County of *Kent*.

*R. Sands* allowed £ 12 9 s. 12 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be requested to write an Answer to the Letter received this Day from Governor *Trumbull*, and acquaint him with the Measures taking in this State for the common Defence.

WHEREAS *Col. Ray Sands* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Expences of the Guard who watched the Shores at *Boston-Neck*, in *South-Kingstown*; for his Attendance in setting, and for Wood, Candles and other Necessaries provided for said Guards: All which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and the same is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Nine Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ray Sands*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Coon* allowed £ 35 8 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Coon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences in taking Care of *Arnold Coon*, a sick Soldier, belonging to *Capt. Ethan Clarke's* Company, in the Service of this State; for Medicines, and sundry Necessaries by him furnished; for the Expences of Doctors, Nurses, &c. in attending him during his Sickness, and for divers other Charges and Expences: And the said Account having been referred to the standing Committee of Audit for this State, who after having carefully examined the same, and making some necessary Deductions therefrom, reported the Sum of *Thirty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money due thereon: All which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid to the said *John Coon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*O. Salisbury* allowed £ 5 8 s. 7½ d.

WHEREAS *Mr. Oliver Salisbury* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Freight of sundry Cannon and warlike Stores, from *Providence* to *Warren* and *Bristol*: And the said Account having been examined by the aforesaid Committee; who reported the Sum of *Five Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money due thereon: Which being duly considered by this Assembly,



Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid to the said *Oliver Salisbury*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, one of the standing Committee of Audit for this State, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, and six Days attending on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Ten Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury. *N. Mumford*  
allowed £ 3  
10 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; another of said Committee, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, and five Days Attendance at the present Session of Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury. *G. Mumford*  
allowed £ 3  
14 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, and Mr. *John Jenckes*, be and they are hereby appointed to purchase or hire a proper Vessel, and fit her out for any Place they may think best, to get a Load of Salt, for and at the Expence and Risque of this State; and that they be empowered to draw a Sum of Money, not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds*, out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose aforesaid. Committee to  
send a Vessel  
for Salt, and to  
draw £ 1000  
out of the  
Treasury, for  
that Purpose.

**R E S O L V E D**, That the Persons chosen by any of the Towns, to sit in the Assembly at *October* Sessions, the Electors of whom had not subscribed the Test, be not allowed to take their Seats at the said Sessions of Assembly; but that the said Towns proceed, at any Day before the Fifteenth of *October* next, in the Election of new Members, according to Law; and that this Act be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*. No Persons to  
sit in the Gen-  
eral Assem-  
bly, the Elec-  
tors of whom  
have not sub-  
scribed the  
Test.

WHEREAS Capt. *Thomas Allin* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service as Captain of a Company of Minute-Men, and of the Persons who served under him in said Company, and were stationed on the Island of *Prudence*, some Time in *January* last past, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Thomas Allin*, out of the General-Treasury. *T. Allin* al-  
lowed £ 7  
4 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House, at *May* and the present Sessions of Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Six Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury. *D. Branch*  
allowed 6 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Silas Cooke, jun.* who was by Order of the last Assembly ordered to be removed into the Town of *South-Kingsdown*, be allowed to remove himself into the Town of *Middletown*, on *Rhode-Island*, he confining himself to said Town until further Order of the General Assembly of this State. *S. Cooke, jun.*  
to remove to  
*Middletown.*

WHEREAS

Report of the  
Committee  
who propor-  
tioned the  
Salt.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to proportion the Salt belonging to this State to the several Towns within the same, laid before this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

*Proportion of Salt to the several Towns in the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.*

	Inhabitants.	Bushels.
Newport,	5299	763 $\frac{1}{2}$
Providence,	4355	629 $\frac{1}{2}$
New-Shoreham,	478	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
Charlestown,	1835	264 $\frac{1}{2}$
Johnston,	1022	147 $\frac{1}{2}$
East-Greenwich,	1664	239 $\frac{1}{2}$
Barrington,	538	77 $\frac{1}{2}$
North-Providence,	813	117 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bristol,	1067	153 $\frac{1}{2}$
Portsmouth,	1347	193 $\frac{1}{2}$
Exeter,	1982	285 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cranston,	1701	244 $\frac{1}{2}$
South-Kingstown,	2779	400 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coventry,	2003	288 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond,	1204	173 $\frac{1}{2}$
Little-Compton,	1302	187 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tiverton,	2091	301 $\frac{1}{2}$
Warwick,	2376	342 $\frac{1}{2}$
Warren,	1005	144 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scituate,	3289	473 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cumberland,	1686	243 $\frac{1}{2}$
Westerly,	1824	262 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gloucester,	2832	407 $\frac{1}{2}$
West-Greenwich,	1653	238 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hopkinton,	1845	265 $\frac{1}{2}$
Smithfield,	2781	400 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jamestown,	323	46 $\frac{1}{2}$
Middletown,	860	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
North-Kingtown,	2761	397 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/> 54715	<hr/> 7375 Bushels.
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		<hr/> Total, 7879 Bushels.

We suppose it must lose more than the Allowance made.  
*Providence, Sept. 7, 1776.*

THE above is the Proportion of the Salt, as calculated by

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Assembly chosen to meet on the last *Wednesday* in *October* next, convene and meet for the Dispatch of Business

ness on the last Monday in October, at South-Kingstown; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly Adjourn-unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That ment. the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in Providence, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks of each Town in the State; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the last Saturday of October next, then to meet at Providence (if called) but if not called before nor at said Time, then to be dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

Published according to Order, on the Seventeenth Day of September, A. D. 1776, by

HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward Sec'y*

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October, 1776.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the STATE of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday of *October*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*William Bradford*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;	}	Assistants.
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;		
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;		
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;		
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;		
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;		
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;	}	

Rowse J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Wanton, (Son of Gideon)*  
*Mr. John Lanner,*  
*Col. George Sears,*  
*Gideon Wanton, Esq;*  
*Mr. Thomas Freebody,*  
*Col. Joseph Belcher*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. John Brown,*  
*Mr. John Smith,*  
*Theodore Foster, Esq.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

## N O N E.

## WARWICK:

*William Greene, Esq;*  
*Mr. Jacob Greene,*  
*Charles Holden, jun. Esq;*  
*Mr. Thomas Holden.*

## WESTERLY:

*Major-General Joshua Babcock,*  
*Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM.

## N O N E.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;*  
*Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Mr. Immanuel Cafe,*  
*Daniel Rodman, Esq.*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;*  
*Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,*  
*Benjamin Underwood, Esq.*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq.*

## SCITUATE:

*William West, Esq;*  
*Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

*Richard Steere, Esq.*

## CHARESTOWN:

*Gideon Hoxie, Esq;*  
*Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Samuel Hopkins, jun.*  
*Mr. John Kinyon.*

## COVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Westcoat,*  
*Mr. John Greene, (Son of James)*

## EXETER:

*Col. George Peirce,*  
*Jeffery Willcox, Esq.*

## MIDDLETOWN:

*Col. George Irish,*  
*Mr. Nicholas Easton.*

## BRISTOL:

*Col. Nathaniel Peirce.*

## TIVERTON:

## N O N E.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Mr. Perez Richmond,*  
*Mr. Nathaniel Church.*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,*  
*Col. Sylvester Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*Mr. Elisha Waterman.*

## RICHMOND:

*Mr. Nathan Kinyon,*  
*Mr. Simeon Clarke, jun.*

## CRANSTON:

*Mr. William Field,*  
*Mr. John King, jun.*

## HOPKINTON:

*Mr. John Larkin,*  
*Thomas Wells, Esq.*

## JOHNSTON:

*Caleb Harris, Esq;*  
*Abraham Belknap, Esq.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. Joseph Olney,*  
*Mr. Benjamin Sheppardon.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Moses Tyler.*

The Honorable *Metcalf Bowler, Esq;* was chosen Speaker, and  
*Josias Lyndon, Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.



**I**T is Voted and Resolved, That the Butter now stored in Providence, in the Hands of Capt. John Updike, James Black, and Arthur Fenner, jun. belonging to Samuel Starbuck of Nantucket be delivered to said Starbuck; and that the Town of Providence use their best Endeavours to discover the Perpetrators of the Damages done to the said Starbuck's Vessel, in order that they may be brought to Justice.

Butter belonging to S. Starbuck to be restored to him, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr Rowse J. Helme be, and hereby is, appointed to assist the Secretary in drawing up the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, for the Press, and procure them to be printed: And that he give his constant Attendance, and perform the Business as soon as possible.

R. J. Helme to assist the Secretary, in drawing up the Acts, &c.



WHEREAS the Captains and Subaltern Officers, belonging to the Brigade raised by this State, preferred their Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That, animated with an ardent Desire of serving the State of *Rhode Island*, they have actually been at considerable Cost and Expence, in raising Soldiers to serve in Defence of said State; and although pecuniary Views were not the leading Motives which induced them to engage with such Readiness and Zeal, in the Cause of *American Freedom*, yet they humbly conceive themselves to be entitled to some Compensation for their Labour, Cost, and Expence; but so far from meeting with the deserved Encouragement, they have not had the Satisfaction of being paid according to the Provision made by the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, which, since they have been put upon the Continental Establishment, and bear Continental Commissions, they think themselves justly entitled to, and more especially as they are liable, whenever called upon, to march to the Assistance of any of the United States; and thereupon prayed this Assembly, that they might be entitled to, and receive the same Pay and

Petition of the Officers in the Brigade granted.

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and Allowance as is made to Officers of equal Rank in the Service of the United States.

AND this Assembly taking into Consideration the subject Matter in the said Petition contained, and having maturely considered the same; *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.



*S. Carr* to be supplied with two Bolts of Duck.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Samuel Carr* be supplied with two Bolts of the Government's Duck, he paying for the same at twenty Dollars per Bolt.

Act allowing the Inhabitants of *Nantucket* to purchase and ship Provisions from any part of this State, repealed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made and passed at their Session in *October*, A. D. 1775, allowing the Inhabitants of *Nantucket* to purchase and ship any particular Articles of Provision and Necessaries from any Town in this State, upon the Conditions in said Act mentioned, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and rendered null and void, for the future.

*C Greene* chosen second Lieutenant of the *Kentish Guards*.

In Council was read the Return of *Andrew Boyd*, Clerk of the Company of *Kentish Guards*, choosing *Christopher Greene*, of *Warwick*, Son of *Nathaniel*, Second Lieutenant of said Company, in the Room of *Thomas Holden*, who refused.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Choice be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Committee of Safety to apprehend Deserters from the *Rhode-Island* Brigade and Continental Troops, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each and every Member of the Committee of Safety be, and they are hereby, appointed and *fully empowered*, to employ, and fully empower suitable Persons to apprehend all such Persons as have already, or shall hereafter desert from the *Rhode-Island* Brigade, and to return all such Deserters to the said Brigade; and that all such Persons, as shall be employed, as aforesaid, are hereby empowered to demand and take sufficient Aid

Aid to perform what they shall be employed to do, as aforesaid: That the said Committee of Safety pay and discharge all such Charges as shall arise in the above-mentioned Affair: And that the said Committee be likewise empowered to take up, and apprehend all Deserters from the Continental Troops, who shall come within this State. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, that every Captain of any private Vessel of War, or trading Vessel, within this State, who shall take on board and carry off any such Deserter, shall be subject to and pay a Fine of fifty Pounds, lawful Money, to and for the Use of this State, for each and every Deserter he shall so carry off; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record, within this State.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Captain of Fort-Liberty be under the Command of the Commander in Chief of the two Regiments stationed upon Rhode-Island.

Captain of Fort-Liberty subject to the Commander in Chief of the State's Brigade.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That, of the two Colonels who command the two new Regiments lately raised, and stationed on Rhode-Island, he who has the eldest Commission shall take the Command.

The oldest Colonels on Rhode Island to take the Command.

WHEREAS Mr. Ichabod Potter preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That, in the Year 1775, he entertained a large Number of the Troops belonging to this State, stationed on Rhode-Island, by Order of the Commanding Officer, and charged nine Pence per Meal. And that the Committee, who audited and adjusted the Accounts, allowed him but six Pence per Meal; a Sum by no Means adequate; and whereby he is greatly injured, and remains a Sufferer, unless this Assembly will be pleased to make him the further Allowance whereof he hath been so deprived.

I. Potter allowed three Pence for each Meal he supplied to the Soldiers, in addition to what he has already received.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petitioner be allowed and paid three Pence per Meal, over and above what he has already received, for every Meal he supplied to the Soldiers of this State.

*J. Brown* to  
see that the  
Govern-  
ment's Part of  
the Prizes ta-  
ken by the  
Gallies, be  
paid into the  
Treasury, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. John Brown* be, and he is hereby, appointed to inquire into the Affair of the Prizes, taken by the two Row-Gallies in the Harbour of *Newport*; and see that the Government's Part of the Prizes be paid into the General Treasury. And that this State give up their Right to *Capt. Grimes*, of the Galley *Spitfire*, and the Crew thereof, in the three Anchors and Cables by them taken up in the Harbour of *Newport*, to be divided amongst them, agreeable to the Rules provided in such Cases, and that they apply to *Col. Daniel Tillinghast* for the same.

*C. Baley* al-  
lowed *£.2 11.*

WHEREAS *Mr. Constant Baley* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for making two Coffin's for Soldiers, and Cash paid the Sexton's Bill for digging Graves, &c. and for putting up the Stairs and Stoup at *Mr. Redwood's* House, on the Point : Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eleven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *Constant Baley*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Smith* to sell  
the Effects of  
*G. Rome* and  
*C. Dudley*, at  
Vendue.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. John Smith* be, and he is hereby, appointed to sell, at public Vendue, all the Effects of *George Rome* and *Charles Dudley*, in the Possession of this State, and receive the Money arising thereby, and pay the same into the General Treasury ; excepting the Screws and Bars, and the Effects in *Mr. Nathan Miller's* Hands.

*J. Lyndon* to  
sell at Vendue  
Effects of *C.*  
*Dudley*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*. That *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to sell, at public Vendue, all the Effects of *Charles Dudley*, in the Hands of *Mr. Nathan Miller*, and render an Account thereof to the next Session of Assembly.

*J. Brown* al-  
lowed *7s.*

WHEREAS *Mr. Joseph Brown* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on the Committee appointed to act in the Recess of the Assembly, at their

their Meeting in *Newport* : And the said *Account* being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being seven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; exhibited unto *D. Rodman* this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for two Pair of Tongs and Shovels ; and sundry other Articles, for the Use of the Court-House in *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the standing Committee settle the Accounts of Col. *John Cook*, respecting all the Effects of Mr. *George Rome*, and Mr. *Charles Dudley*, that came into his Hands.

Committee to settle *J. Cooke's* Account.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Pendleton* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for keeping and nursing Mr. *Edward Belcher*, as one of the Poor of the Town of *Newport*, during the Time of his Sicknefs, and for his funeral Expences ; and for the keeping and nursing *Katherine Spargel*, and her Daughter, two other poor Persons belonging to the Town of *Newport*, who were sick at his House, &c. and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *William Pendleton*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Pendleton* allowed £. 4 18.

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*It is Voted and Resolved*, That two Regiments be immediately raised by this State, agreeable to the Requisition of the Continental Congress.

Two Regiments to be raised in this State;

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BOTH

October, 1776.

Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Gentlemen as Officers in the two Battalions or Regiments, to be raised by this State, agreeable to requisition of Congress.

## First Battalion.

## FIELD-OFFICERS :

*James Mitchell Varnum*, Esq; Colonel. *Adam Comstock*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel. *Henry Sherburne*, Esq; Major.

## CAPTAINS :

*Ebenezer Flagg*, *Silas Talbut*, *Thomas Cole*, *John Singer Dexter*, *Simeon Martin*, *Jonathan Wallen*.

## First LIEUTENANTS :

*Joseph Arnold*, *William Belcher*, *Timothy Lock*, *Samuel Bissell*, *Wilson Rawsan*, *William Potter*, *John Handy*, *Thomas Noyes*.

## Second LIEUTENANTS :

*Ichabod Prentice*, *John Chapman*, *John Remington*.

## ENSIGNS :

*Zephaniah Brown*.

## STAFF-OFFICERS.

## QUARTER-MASTER :

*Clarke Brown*.

## Second Battalion.

## FIELD-OFFICERS :

*Daniel Hitchcock*, Esq; Colonel. *Israel Angell*, Esq; Lieut. Colonel. *Christopher Smith*, Esq; Major.

## CAPTAINS :

*Jeremiah Olney*, *William Tew*, *Coggeshall Olney*, *Ephraim Bowen*, *William Bradford*, jun. *John Carr*, *Abimelech Riggs*.

## First LIEUTENANTS :

*Stephen Olney*, *William Allen*, *William Littlefield*, *Gilbert Grant*, *Joseph Whitmarsh*, *Daniel Pearce*, *Amos Crandall*, *Micah Moulton*.

## Second LIEUTENANTS :

*Thomas Hughes*, *Duty Jerrald*.

## ENSIGNS :

*Ebenezer West*, *Holliman Potter*, *Thomas Waterman*, *Oliver Jenckes*, *Richard Hunniwell*.

## STAFF-OFFICERS.

## QUARTER-

QUARTER-MASTER :

*Cyprian Sterry.*

BOTH Houses being still in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

*Joseph Clarke*, Esq; appointed Commissioner of the Loan-Office for this State.

*Stephen Mumford*, of *East-Greenwich*, is appointed Commissary of Prisoners of War, within this State, agreeable to requisition of Congress.

Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; *Jonathan Arnold*, and *William Bowen*, Physicians and Surgeons, are appointed Examiners of Surgeons, and Surgeons Mates, for the Army and Navy.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all those suspected Persons, who by Order of Assembly were removed from the Town of *Newport*, into other Towns in this State, have Liberty to return to their own Homes, as soon as they please, first paying all the Charges that have arisen from the Time of their removal, until their return ; except *Christopher Hargill*, who not being able to pay the Charge at present, is to give his Note therefor.

Suspected Persons who have been removed, permitted to return to their respective Homes.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Samuel Fowler* and *Gideon Wanton* laid before this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

*Newport, October 24, 1776.*

WE the Subscribers being, by the Honorable General Assembly, appointed a Committee, at last June Session, to ascertain the Damages that *Joseph Crandall* has sustained, by being kept out of his House, the same being improved by the Government, have, agreeable to said appointment, viewed the Premises ; and it is our Opinion that he ought to be allowed twenty Dollars, yearly, for the Time it shall be improved.

Report of the Committee who ascertained what *J. Crandall* ought to be allowed for the Rent of his House, and they allowed 12s.

*Samuel Fowler,*  
*Gideon Wanton.*

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The STATE of *Rhode-Island*, Dr. To our Time  
and Trouble in the above Affair, £. 0 12 0

AND the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted: And that the within-named *Joseph Crandall* be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, twenty Dollars per Year, for the Rent of his Dwelling-House, so long as it shall be improved by the Government; that the above Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Samuel Fowler* and *Gideon Wanton*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Collins* allowed  
£. 70  
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WHEREAS *John Collins*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time, Horse-hire, and Expences of himself and Servant, in going to *Philadelphia* on public Business, for Expences while at *New-York*, for two Horses lost, and for Horse-hire in returning from said *New-York*: All which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being seventy Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Collins*, out of the General Treasury.

*H. Langford*  
allowed 18/3.

WHEREAS Mr. *Holderby Langford* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time in measuring a Quantity of Salt, delivered for the Use of several Towns in this State: Which being duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that eighteen Shillings, and three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Holderby Langford*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Niles* allowed  
£. 2 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Niles* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time, Horse-hire, and Expences of himself and Aid, in taking up, conveying to *Providence*, and committing to Gaol, *Richard Beal*, Thomas



*mas Vernon* and *John Nicell*, in Consequence of their having broken their Parole : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Jonathan Niles*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Dyer*, exhibited unto this *M. Dyer* Assembly an Account, by \*her charged against the State, for billeting six Soldiers belonging to Capt. *Zorobabel Westcott's* Company, one of whom died at her House : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that three Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Mary Dyer*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety provide Clothing and other Necessaries, for the two Battalions to be immediately raised by this State ; that his Honor the Governor be requested to supply the said Committee with Cloth, out of the Cargo of the Prize Ship lately brought into *Providence*, for the Purpose aforesaid ; and that the said Committee take all the Arms belonging to the State, and get them repaired in the several Counties.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be given to the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; for his good Services, as a Delegate for this State, in the Continental Congress ; and that he be requested to attend the Business of Congress as soon as he can conveniently leave his Family.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Caleb Harris* be chosen Inspector of Gunpowder ; and that Messrs. *Daniel Mowrey*, *John Brown*, *Daniel Rodman*, *David Harris* and *Rouse J. Helme*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill to be passed into an Act, regulating inspecting the Powder, receiving the same, &c. And that they also prepare a Bill, laying a Penalty for counterfeiting the

*Committee of Safety to procure Clothing, &c. for the Troops, &c.*

*Thanks of the Assembly given to the Hon. S. Hopkins, Esq.*

*Committee to prepare a Bill for inspecting Gunpowder, and laying a Penalty for counterfeiting the Notes, &c. of the Continental Loan-Office, and Bills*

pointed In-  
specter of  
Gunpowder.

Bills or Notes of the Continental Loan-Office ; and also draught a Letter to be sent to his Excellency General *Washington*, respecting the filling the Offices of the two Battalions to be immediately raised in this State.

*W Greene's*  
Account cur-  
rent with the  
State.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; laid before this Assembly his Account current with this State, which is as follows, *to wit* :

	State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> to <i>William Greene</i>	Dr.
1775. February 2.	To Cash paid <i>Stukely Smith</i> , for his Work on the Court-House in the County of <i>Kent</i> , as pr. his Receipts dated since the Settlement of my former Account, £. 1 4 0	
1776. January.	To my Man and Team to cart one Load of green Hides four Miles, which were brought from <i>N. Shoreham</i> and landed at <i>Potowomut</i> , at 9s.	0 9 0
Feb. 24.	To Cash paid <i>Thomas Brooke</i> , for coopering some Casks on board the Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , which was chartered by said State, and omitted being charged in my former Account, as pr. his Receipt, - -	0 1 0
	To my Care of 2939lb. of Hides and disposing of the same, - -	0 9 0
June 21.	To myself, Horse and Expences, in going to <i>Providence</i> , to deliver the General Treasurer £. 113, the principal Part of which was returned me by Capt. <i>Gideon Casey</i> , as Part of said Schooner's Cargo, - - -	0 12 0
22.	To my two Horses and Chaise, let to Mr. <i>Hookey</i> , the Deputy-Sheriff for the County of <i>Newport</i> , to carry Messrs. <i>Vernon</i> , <i>Beale</i> , <i>Lechmere</i> and <i>Nicoll</i> , to <i>Gloucester</i> , -	1 10 0
Sept. 27.	To my Expences on my Way to <i>Philadelphia</i> , with an Order on the Continental Congress, for £. 36,000, while there and Home again, exclusive of my Expences in taking the Small-pox, - - - -	28 7 10
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To my two Horses and Chaise to perform said Journey, being 300 Miles, at 1/6 per Mile, - - 22 10 0  
 To my Time in completing said Business, being 40 Days, at 6s. exclusive of my taking the Small-pox, 12 0 0  
 To my Care in delivering out Salt to 5 different Towns, at 6s. 1 10 0

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£. 68 12 10

Ballance due from *William Greene*, Esq; - - - - 32 12 2  


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 £. 101 5 0

## Creditor.

1776.  
July 9.

By Cash received of *Thomas Dickens*, in behalf of the Inhabitants in *New-Shoreham*, for 30 Bushels of Salt, at 6s. £. 9 0 0

25. By Cash received of the Inhabitants of the Town of *East-Greenwich*, for 99 Bushels Salt, at 6s. - 29 14 0

26. By Cash received of *Thomas Peckham*, appointed by the Town of *Middletown* to receive their Proportion of Salt, the Quantity delivered being 40 Bushels, at 6s. - 12 0 0

By Cash received of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Coventry*, for 41 Bushels Salt, at 6s. - - - 12 6 0

Aug. 18. By Cash received of *Jonathan Niles*, in behalf of the Town of *West-Greenwich*, for 59 Bushels Salt, at 6s. 17 17 0

By Cash received of *Mr. Hillegas*, the Continental Treasurer, being Part of the Order for £. 36,000, as mentioned above, 20 8 0

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£. 101 5 0

*W. Greene* to pay £. 32 12 2 into the General Treasury.

AND the said Account being duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same

same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being thirty-two Pounds, twelve Shillings, and two Pence, lawful Money, be paid by the said *William Greene*, into the General Treasury.

Officers for  
the *Scituate*  
*Hunters*.

IN Council was read the Return of the Names of the Officers chosen for the Company of *Scituate* HUNTERS, viz.

*Joseph Kimball*, Captain. *Gideon Cornell*, First Lieutenant. *Jonathan Smith*, Second Lieutenant. *Bertram Rounds*, Ensign.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

Allowance to  
the Regiment  
of Militia sta-  
tioned in  
*Newport*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Soldiers enlisted in Col. *Cooke's* Regiment, be allowed Wages and Billeting, from the Time of their enlistment, and also the Charges of marching to *Newport*.

*S. Wigner*on  
chosen Sur-  
geon, and *J*  
*Pierce* Ar-  
mourer, of  
Col. *Cooke's*  
Regiment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Wigner*on be chosen Surgeon, and *Jonathan Pierce* Armourer, of Col. *John Cooke's* Regiment.

*Newport* to  
provide their  
Quota of  
Blankets for  
Col. *Cooke's*  
Regiment, or  
pay the Fine.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town of *Newport* provide Blankets for the Soldiers raised by said Town, as their Part of Col. *Cooke's* Regiment, in six Days from the rising of this Assembly, or pay the Fine according to Law.

Committee to  
deliver Salt to  
the County  
of *Providence*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Joseph Stanton* and *John Northup* deliver to the County of *Providence* the Surplussage of Salt in their Hands, the said County of *Providence* paying the Charges of Transportation.

Sheriff of  
*King's County*  
to apprehend  
*S. Chace*, and  
bring him be-  
fore the As-  
sembly, and  
to call on the  
Secretary for

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Samuel Chace*, Esq; Notary Publick for the County of *Providence*, be forthwith brought before this Assembly, to answer for his Conduct in making Protests as Notary Publick, as aforesaid, against the Captors of certain Vessels and their Cargoes, and the Condemnation of  
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the same, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress and Laws of this State.

the original Prize Act, and any Protests made by him.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, or his lawful Deputy, be, and he is hereby, directed to apprehend the said *Samuel Chace*, and to call on the Secretary and receive of him the original Act of Assembly, establishing a Court for the Trial of Prize Causes within this State, and a Copy of the Protests made before him, by any of the Persons that have been captured, and brought into this State.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the last Thursday of this instant, *November*, be observed as a Day of public Fasting and Prayer ; that all servile Labour, Recreations and Sports, of all Kinds, be forbidden to be used within this State on said Day : And that his Honor the Governor be requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly.

Last Thursday in *November* to be observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to sign the last Emission of lawful Money Bills, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

Report of the Committee who signed the Money, and they allowed £. 50.

*To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, to be holden at South-Kingstown, on the last Monday in October, A. D. 1776.*

IN Pursuance of an Act passed at the Session held in *September* last, for emitting the Sum of 66,670 Dollars, we the Subscribers have signed the Bills ordered to be emitted, consisting of the following Denominations, *to wit* :

700	Bills, of 30	Dollars each, is	21,000
600	ditto, 20	ditto, - -	12,000
667	ditto, 10	ditto, - -	6,670
600	ditto, 8	ditto, - -	4,800
600	ditto, 7	ditto, - -	4,200
600	ditto, 6	ditto, - -	3,600
600	ditto, 5	ditto, - -	3,000
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600	ditto,	4	ditto,	-	-	2,400
600	ditto,	3	ditto,	-	-	1,800
600	ditto,	2	ditto,	-	-	1,200
2000	ditto,	1	ditto,	-	-	2,000
4000	ditto,	half	ditto,	-	-	2,000
4000	ditto,	1-4th	ditto,	-	-	1,000
4000	ditto,	1-8	ditto,	-	-	500
8000	ditto,	1-16	ditto,	-	-	500

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Dollars, 66,670

ALL which we have delivered unto the General Treasurer, and taken his Receipt therefor. We have also registered the Order and Manner of signing the same in the eighth Book of the Public Records, in the Secretary's Office.

We submit this Report, and are

Your Honors most humble Servants,

*John G. Wanton,*  
*Thomas Greene,*  
*John Dexter,*  
*James Congdon, the 3d.*  
*Joseph Clarke,*  
*Jonathan J. Hazzard.*

THE State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, to the Committee Dr. in the following Sums, being in Proportion as they signed said Bills, viz.

To <i>John G. Wanton,</i>	-	£. 10 15 4
To <i>John Dexter,</i>	-	10 15 4
To <i>Joseph Clarke,</i>	-	10 15 4
To <i>James Congdon, the 3d.</i>	-	10 15 4
To <i>Thomas Greene,</i>	-	4 6 0
To <i>Welcome Arnold,</i>	-	0 19 8
To <i>Jonathan Hazzard,</i>	-	1 13 0

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£. 50 0 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted: That the Account of the Committee be allowed; and that the Amount thereof,

of, being fifty Pounds, lawful Money, be paid out of the General Treasury, to each of the above-named Persons, in Proportion to the Number of Bills by them respectively signed, as above set forth.

WHEREAS *James Smith, James Stable and Henry Barnes*, preferred their Petition to this Assembly, <sup>Petition of divers Prisoners of War granted.</sup> setting forth, That with the deepest Concern they find themselves, after having been captured and brought into this State, unhappily considered as Enemies to the Rights, Liberties and Privileges, of *America*, and detained as Prisoners: That having neither in Thought, Word or Deed, injured the Cause of Liberty, or joined, adopted or approved of, the present Measures, they humbly conceive and pray that the wonted Justice, Mercy, and Humanity of this Assembly, will be extended to them, their fellow-captured Captains, Mates, Passengers, and Apprentices, in permitting them to purchase, fit and victual, a Ship to proceed to *England*, to their Friends, Families and Connexions; they giving their most sacred Parole that they will not, directly nor indirectly, aid, assist, counsel or advise, against this or any other of the *United States of America*.

WHICH Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, granted: That the Petitioners have Liberty of purchasing a suitable Vessel, not exceeding the Burthen of one hundred and fifty Tons, for transporting themselves to *Great-Britain*; and to purchase the necessary Provisions and Stores for the Voyage, under the Inspection of Messrs. *John Jenckes, John Wanton, and John Brown*; and to proceed to any part of this State to purchase the same, under the Inspection aforesaid. And that two of the Captains and five Mates, who have last arrived within this State, be detained to exchange for that Number of Masters and Mates belonging to the *United States of America*, who are now Prisoners on board the *British Ship of War the Syren*, commanded by Capt. *Tobias Furneaux*.

WHEREAS

*J. Waite* allowed £ 7.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Waite* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for cutting and engraving two Sets of Escutcheions, for the Bucks and Borders of the lawful Money Bills ordered to be printed: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That seven Pounds, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid the said *John Waite*, out of the General Treasury.

*M. Bowler* appointed Paymaster to Col. *Cook's* Regiment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; be appointed Paymaster to the Regiment under the Command of Col. *John Cook*; and that, upon the several Captains making out their Pay-rolls, certified by the Colonel, he pay the Wages monthly.

Governor to exchange the Prisoners on board the *Syren*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be requested to exchange two of the Captains and five Mates, who were last brought into this State, and twenty-four Seamen, for the two Captains, five Mates and twenty-four Seamen, proposed to be exchanged by Capt. *Furneaux*, of the *Syren* British Ship of War.

Certain Inhabitants of *New Shoreham* allowed to bring off Provisions.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Sands*, *Edward Sands*, jun. and *Simon Ray Littlefield*, have Liberty to bring any Provisions, Hides or other Articles, from the Island of *Block-Island*, to any part of this State; and to carry on said Island, Leather, Cloth, or such other Necessaries as they may stand in need of for their own Consumption; and that *Godfrey Trim*, and *John Rose*, jun. be employed by them as Boatmen, in transporting said Articles, to and from said Island; any Law to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

*B. Brown* allowed £. 43 5.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for warning the Members of Assembly in *King's-County* to meet at several Sessions of Assembly; for his Time and Expences in taking Possession of divers Estates, in behalf of and by Order of Government; and for sundry Charges and Expences,



pences, that accrued in performing said Business, and divers other Services, Charges and Expences : And the said Account having been referred to the standing Committee of Audit for this State, who, after having carefully examined the same, reported a Balance of forty-three Pounds, five Shillings, lawful Money, due thereon to the said *Beriah Brown* : And the same being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and is hereby, accepted ; that the said Account be allowed ; and that said Balance be paid the said *Beriah Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Committee to procure a Hospital for the Troops stationed on *Rhode-Island*, Esq; Doctor *Stephen Wigner*, and *Thomas Church*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to procure a suitable House, on *Rhode-Island*, for a Hospital for the Troops stationed on said Island ; and that the Sick in the House at present improved as a Hospital be immediately removed, and the said House be cleansed as soon as possible.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Hazard Potter* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying a Letter from *South-Kings-town* to *Providence*, to the Governor and Committee appointed to act in the recess of the Assembly, respecting Capt. *Wallace's* landing at *Point-Judith* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Hazard Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

*T. H. Potter* allowed £. 1 16.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That twenty Dollars be allowed by this State, as an additional Bounty to each of the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, who shall enlist to serve during the War.

Bounty allowed to the Soldiers who shall enlist during the War.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Banister* exhibited unto F this

*J. Banister* allowed £. 21.

this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for quartering a Number of Soldiers, and for the Use of his Out-houses and Stables, improved in the Service of Government : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being twenty-one Pounds, lawful Money, be paid the said *John Banister*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Mowry*  
jun. allowed  
£. 3 12.

WHEREAS *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time of himself and Horse in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Smithfield* : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that three Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Daniel Mowry*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

*E. Brickwood's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Brickwood* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That on his Passage from *Bermuda* to *Antigua* and *London*, in the Brig *Fanny*, he was captured and brought into this Port ; that he was bound to *England* to transact some particular Business, and intended returning immediately to *Bermuda* or *Antigua*, where he hath an Interest ; and that he is essentially suffering in his Concerns, by the Misfortune of being prevented attending thereto, as well as prosecuting his intended Voyage to *Great-Britain* ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Permission to return to his Business, and prosecute his intended Voyage to *Great-Britain*, by way of *France*, *Holland*, *Bermuda*, or the *West-Indies*, with his Apparel, &c.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

*J. Tew* al-  
lowed £. 15  
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WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, Gaol-keeper for the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly  
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three several Accounts, by him charged against the State, for the Boarding and Prison-fees of a Number of Prisoners of War, committed to said Gaol ; and for Victuals and Liquor supplied to the Guard, set over said Prisoners : And the said Accounts having been duly examined by the standing Committee of Audit for this State, who, after making some necessary deductions, reported the Sum of fifteen Pounds, four Shillings, and eight Pence, lawful Money, due thereon : Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted ; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said James Tew, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor and Mr. John Jenckes, draw out of the General Treasury the Sum of six hundred Pounds, lawful Money, towards fitting out a Vessel, ordered by this General Assembly, to fetch Salt for the Use of this State. and J. Jenckes to draw £.600 out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. Charles Spooner presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for mending the Windows in the old Court-house in *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said Charles Spooner, out of the General Treasury. C. Spooner allowed 12s.

WHEREAS Mr. John Jenckes exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding Toney, a Negro Man, formerly belonging to *George Rome*, and for sundry Articles of Clothing, by him furnished to said Negro Man : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being seventeen Pounds, five Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said John Jenckes, out of the General Treasury. J. Jenckes allowed £.17 5.

WHEREAS

*C. Boff* allowed  
£. 1 16.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Boff* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying several Orders and Resolutions of the General Committee, to Col. *Noyes*, and to sundry Towns in *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *Caleb Boff*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Carter* allowed  
£. 29  
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WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for publishing sundry Acts of Assembly, and Advertisements in the Gazette ; for printing the Acts of Assembly, for *August* and *October* Sessions, 1775, and Paper by him furnished for printing the same ; for Postage of sundry Letters for his Honor the Governor, on publick Service ; for printed Copies of the Acts of Assembly for *April*, *June*, *August* and *October* Sessions, 1775, delivered Col. *Bowen*, and for printing the last Emission of the lawful Money Bills, ordered by this Assembly : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That twenty-nine Pounds, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, of said Account, be allowed, and paid to the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treasury ; and that he be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, for printing the lawful Money Bills, charged in said Account, at the Rate allowed and paid for printing the last Emission.

Wages of the  
Surgeon and  
Armourer of  
Col. *Cook's*  
Regiment as-  
certained.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That nine Pounds, lawful Money per Month, be allowed and paid to Dr. *Stephen Wigner*, Surgeon to Col. *Cook's* Regiment ; and that the same Wages be allowed to *Jonathan Pearce*, Armourer of said Regiment, as are allowed Armourers in the Continental Service.

Committee to  
revise the Act  
erecting the  
Maritime  
Court,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Cole* and *Jonathan Arnold*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to revise the Act establishing a  
Maritime

Maritime Court, for the Trial of Prize Causes, within this State; and that they make Report of the same to this Assembly, at the next Session.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Hawkins* preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That, in the Year 1774, he was appointed Collector of Rates for *South-Kingstown*; that a considerable Part of said Rate, amounting to upwards of one Hundred Dollars, remained in the Hands of the poorer Sort of the Inhabitants of said Town, which he could not then collect without Difficulty, and was therefore obliged to hire the Money, and pay it into the General Treasury, and for which he now pays Interest; and that he is now engaged in the Continental Service, by Means whereof it is out of his Power at present to collect the Remainder of said Tax; and thereupon prayed that this Assembly would empower *John Hawkins* to collect the Remainder of said Tax, to and for his Use, that he may be able to discharge the said Debt.

*N. Hawkins*  
Petition  
granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Hawkins* be, and he is hereby, empowered to collect the Deficiency of said Tax, without any Expence to this State, and that the General Treasurer issue his Warrant accordingly.

WHEREAS *Rich. Aylsworth, Step. Spencer, Christopher Bentley* and *Abel Shearman*, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That on the 14th Day of *February*, last past, they were captured on board the Sloop *Dolphin*, in the Service of this State, by the *Portland* Man of War, and carried to *Antigua*, from whence they obtained a Passage to *Nova-Scotia*, and from thence home to *East-Greenwich*, which was attended with great Cost and Charges, which they have been obliged, since their Return, to repay by their daily Labour, and whereby their Families are deprived of their necessary Support: And thereupon besought this Assembly to commiserate their

Petition of *R. Aylsworth* and others granted, and they allowed £. 55 19 7.

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distressed Situation, and order their Wages and Expences to be paid them, agreeable to the Account herewith presented, which is as follows, *to wit* :

STATE of *Rhode-Island*, to *Richard Aylsworth*,  
&c. Dr.

To Freight of our Chests round to St. John's, - - -	£. 0 8 3
To 10 Day's Expences on Shore,	0 16 6
To 1 Barrel Beek, - - -	4 10 0
To 11lb. Sugar, 8/3. Yams 8/3.	0 16 6
To 119lb. Bread, at 45f. per C.	2 15 6

*Antigua Currency*, £. 9 4 9

Reduced to lawful Money, is	£. 6 14 7
To 4 Passages, from <i>Port Roseau</i> to the <i>East-Passage</i> , at 9f.	1 16 0
To 3 Passages, from the <i>East-Passage</i> to <i>Cape Porpus</i> , at 30f.	4 10 0
To our Expences travelling Home,	2 14 0
To 4 Months Wages of <i>Aylsworth</i> , <i>Spencer</i> and <i>Bentley</i> , at 72f.	31 17 0
To 2 Months and 10 Days of <i>Shear-</i> <i>man</i> , at 72f. - - -	8 8 0

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AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted; that the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being fifty-five Pounds, nineteen Shillings, and seven Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Richard Aylsworth*, *Stephen Spencer*, *Christopher Bentley*, and *Abel Shearman*, out of the General Treasury.

*C. Child* al-  
lowed £. 1  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* laid before this Assembly a Receipt, for thirty Shillings, lawful Money, being so much by him paid to *Jonathan Bowen*, for towing a Scow for the Service of the State, from *Rhode-Island* to *Warren*; which being duly considered

ed by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum aforesaid be paid to the said *Cromet Child*, out of the General Treasury.

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AN ACT for the Inspection of GUNPOWDER, manufactured within this State.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, within this State, shall vend or expose to Sale any Gunpowder, manufactured within the same, unless said Gunpowder be packed in a good dry Cask, marked with the two first Letters of the Manufacturer's Name, and hath been examined and approved by the Inspector of Gunpowder, for said State, and by him marked with the Letters U. S. A. and such other Marks as are necessary to distinguish the several Sorts of Gunpowder; the Person or Persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay six Pounds, lawful Money, for every Cask so exposed to Sale, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint or Information, upon Conviction before any Court of Record within this State; which Forfeiture shall one Moiety thereof be given to the Informer, and the other be paid into the General Treasury of this State: *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Inspector be paid, out of the General Treasury, nine Pence, lawful Money, for every Cask so mark'd and inspected by him.

Act regulat-  
ing the In-  
spection of  
Gunpowder.

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AN ACT for punishing Persons counterfeiting the Bills or Notes of either of the Continental Loan-Offices, within the *United States of America*.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, within this State, shall counterfeit the Bills or Notes of either of the Continental Loan-Offices, within the *United States of America*, or utter or pass the same, Knowing them to be such, and be thereof duly convicted, shall suffer the Pains of Death.

Persons coun-  
terfeiting the  
Bills or Notes  
of either of  
the Conti-  
nental Loan-  
Offices, to be  
punished with  
Death.

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Deputy-Governor chosen a Delegate.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. William Bradford, Esq; be, and he is hereby, chosen a Delegate, to represent this State in the Continental Congress.*

Sheriff to sell the old Court-house in King's County, and the Lot on which it stands, at publick Vendue.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Lot on which the old Court-house, in the County of King's-County, stands, and the said House, be sold by the Sheriff of said County, at publick Vendue, to the highest Bidder, on the second Day of November next, at two o'Clock in the Afternoon; and that the General Treasurer give a warranty Deed of the same, to the Purchaser, in behalf of this State.*

Officers chosen.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Jesse Burdick be appointed Captain, Weight Burdick Lieutenant, and Phineas Maxson Ensign, of the third Company of Militia, in the Town of Hopkinton; and that Peleg Barker, jun. Esq; be a Justice of the Peace, for the Town of Newport.*

J. Ingraham allowed £. 8 2.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of the Committee who were appointed to estimate the Damages, done by the Soldiers, to the House of Capt. Joshua Ingraham, be accepted; and that the further Sum of eight Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to the said Joshua Ingraham.*

Governor to grant Commissions to armed Vessels.

WHEREAS the Commissions for private Vessels of War, and Letters of Marque, sent by Congress, for the Use of the Inhabitants of this State, are all made Use of, and Commissions will be wanted for private Vessels of War, and Letters of Marque, now fitting out from this State, before they can be procured from Congress: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be requested to grant Commissions to any Vessels fitted out as aforesaid, until Commissions can be procured from Congress; and that Instructions be given, and Bond taken in the Secretary's Office, agreeable to the Resolutions of the Honorable the Continental Congress*

WHEREAS



WHEREAS Mr. *Tilley M. Olney* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to *East-Greenwich*, to warn *Jonathan Randall, Esq;* to attend this Assembly; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Tilley M. Olney*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith, Esq;* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for notifying the several Town-Clerks and Colonel of Militia, in the County of *Bristol*, to draught their Proportion of Men for Col. *Cook's* Regiment, and for warning the Members of the Upper House, in said County, by Warrant from his Honor the Deputy-Governor; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the Lot of Land, in *King's-County*, on which the old Court-House stands, and of the said House, be adjourned until the next Session of this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for filing Declarations to the next Inferior Court, in the County of *Newport*, be lengthened to the ninth Day of *November* instant, and the Time for filing Answers until the first Day of the sitting of said Court.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jepson* and *Metcalf Bowler, Esqrs.* and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to adjust the Accounts of *James Clarke, Esq;* late Naval Officer; and that they receive the Seal, Screw, Books, and all the Papers belonging to said Office, of the said *James Clarke*, and deliver them to the Intendant for the Port of *Newport*.

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Paymasters  
appointed to  
the two Con-  
tinental Bat-  
talions raised  
by this State.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Jonathan Hazzard*, be, and he is hereby, appointed Paymaster to the first Battalion, and that *Charles Holden, Esq;* be Paymaster to the second Battalion, ordered to be raised by this Assembly, to serve during the War.

Paymasters to  
be furnished  
with 10.000  
Dollars each.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That each of the Paymasters be furnished, by the General Treasurer of this State, with Ten Thousand Dollars, to pay the Bounty allowed by this State, to the Troops that shall enlist to serve during the War; and that they each of them, give Bond, with sufficient Sureties, to the General Treasurer, in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Committees  
of Safety to  
enlist Men  
during the  
War.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Committees of Safety be, and they are hereby, empowered to enlist Men in their respective Counties in this State, to serve during the War; and that they pay them the Bounty allowed by Congress and this State.

*Catherine Nichols* allowed  
to sell her  
House.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Catherine Nichols* be permitted to sell her Dwelling-house in *Newport*, standing on Land late of *Henry Collins*, and by him assigned to *George Rome*.

*J. Sheffield* al-  
lowed £. 2 11.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Sheffield* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for plaining and colouring two Tables and mending one Chair, and going Express to *Providence*; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eleven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jeremiah Sheffield*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. J. Hazard*  
allowed £. 17  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan J. Hazzard* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to the *Jerseys* on publick Business; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed,

lowed ; and that seventeen Pounds, nineteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Jonathan J. Hazard*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Case Clarke* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Jonathan Randall* and *John Sayles, jun. Esqrs.* to notify them to attend this Assembly ; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *William Case Clarke*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. C. Clarke*  
allowed £. 2  
17.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the State of all Guns which are claimed by Soldiers, and who have received no Pay for the same, which are now in Use in the Army, or have been detained from them, and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session ; and that *Peter Phillips, Esq;* with the former Committee of Safety, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee for that Purpose ; and that they advertise in the publick News Papers, in this State, the Time and Place of Meeting they shall appoint for that Purpose.

Committee to  
inquire into  
the Arms de-  
tained at Cam-  
bridge in 1775.

WHEREAS Messrs *James Tefft, jun.* and *Solomon Tefft*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, six Days each ; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, be paid out of the General Treasury, to the above-named Persons.

*J. Tefft, jun.*  
and *S. Tefft*,  
allowed £. 2  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-house

*E. Tefft* al-  
lowed £. 2  
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house in *King's-County*, for moving the Tables and Chairs from the old Court-house to the new, for cleaning the new Court-house, attending on this Assembly at the present Session, for cutting Wood, & Candles by him provided for the Use of this Assembly; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Tafft*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Hazard* to proceed to *New-York*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Jonathan Hazard*, and *Charles Holden*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed to proceed, with the greatest Despatch, to his Excellency General *Washington*, with a Letter to him from this State, and the Commissions for the Officers appointed by this Assembly; and that they perform the same without any Expence to the State.

Committee to inquire into the Circumstances of the several Towns, respecting the levying a Tax.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, Messrs. *John Collins*, *John Brown*, *Job Comstock* and *Daniel Rodman*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the Circumstances of the several Towns in this State, and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session, how much the Proportion of each Town, under the present State of Affairs, ought in Justice to differ from the Proportion of the last Estimate, either in the Increase of the Ratables, or Diminution thereof, in Case a Tax should be then voted.

*N. Bowen* allowed £. 17 8 4.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathan Bowen* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Scow belonging to him, which was burnt by the Enemy on *Prudence*, and for several Oars and Plank belonging to said Scow; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; that seven Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, being so much as he received of Mr. *Cromel Child*, on said Account, be deducted therefrom, and that the Balance

Balance, being seventeen Pounds, eight Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathan Bowen*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joshua Ingraham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for one Quarter's Rent of his House and Stores, occupied by the Troops in the Service of this State ; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joshua Ingraham*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Ingraham*  
allowed £. 5.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Form of the Inlistment for the Soldiers, in the two Battalions now ordered to be raised, be as follows, viz. *I the Subscriber hereby solemnly engage and inlist myself as a Soldier, in the Battalions of the State of Rhode-Island, &c. in the Service of the United States of America, and in the Pay of the said United States, from the Day of my Inlistment, for and during the present War with Great-Britain, unless sooner discharged by the General Congress of said United States ; and I hereby promise to submit myself to all the Orders and Regulations of the Army of the United States of America, and faithfully to observe and obey all such Orders, as I shall receive, from Time to Time, from my Officers.*

Form of a  
Soldier's In-  
listment in the  
two Conti-  
nental Batta-  
lions ordered  
by this State  
to be raised.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, Keeper of the Jail in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Maintenance and Prison-fees of sundry Prisoners of War ; and the said Account having been duly examined by the standing Committee of Audit, who reported the Sum of ten Pounds, eighteen Shillings, and three Pence, lawful Money, due thereon ; which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted ; and that the Sum aforesaid be paid unto the said *James Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Tew* al-  
lowed £. 10  
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WHEREAS

*J. Stanton,*  
jun. allowed  
£. 19 9 7.

WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to and from *New-York*, on publick Business; and the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being nineteen Pounds, 9/7, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Stanton*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

*T. Freebody* al-  
lowed £. 2 3.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Freebody* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Monies by him advanced and paid to *Thomas Paddock*, for a Number of Cart-Boxes, which were taken into Possession by Virtue of a Warrant from his Honor the Governor, and made Use of for Field-Carriages; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, three Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Freebody*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Babcock* al-  
lowed £. 21 6  
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WHEREAS *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time, Horse-hire and Expences, of himself and Servant, to and from *New-York*, on publick Business; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being twenty-one Pounds, six Shillings, and three Pence, half-penny, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joshua Babcock*, out of the General Treasury.

*P. Pearce* al-  
lowed £. 0 13  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Preserved Pearce* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *Providence*, by Order of the Committee of *East-Greenwich*, to inquire of his Honor the Governor what was best to be done with Messrs. *Beale*, *Vernon* and *Nicoll*, who had made their Escape from the Town of *Gloucester*, and were taken up in  
said

said *East-Greenwich* ; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *Preserved Pearce*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan J. Hazard*, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time of himself and Horse, nine Days, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Charlestown* ; and the said Account being duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That two Pounds, fourteen Shillings thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid to the said *Jonathan J. Hazard*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. J. Hazard*  
allowed £. 2  
14.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Brown, jun.* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to *Providence*, and bringing *Samuel Chace, Esq;* before this Assembly ; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that two Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Beriah Brown, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

*B. Brown,  
jun.* allowed  
£. 2 0 0.

WHEREAS *William Potter, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Materials by him provided for building the Court-House in *King's-County*, for Monies by him laid out and advanced to sundry Persons, and for his Time and sundry other Expences in building the same ; and the said Account having been referred to the standing Committee of Audit, for this State, who, after having carefully examined the same, and compared it with the several Vouchers produced, reported a Balance of two hundred and thirty-one Pounds, nine Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, due thereon to the said *William Potter* : Which being duly considered by this Assembly,  
*It*

*W. Potter* allowed £. 231  
9 6.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted ; and that said Balance be paid the said *William Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

*C. Holden*,  
jun. allowed  
£. 2 14.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Holden*, jun. laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time of himself and Horse, six Days, in numbering the Inhabitants of the Town of *Warwick* ; and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said *Charles Holden*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

*N. Mumford*  
allowed £. 13  
6 8.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in taking an Account of Cannon ; for Horse-hire and Expences at *Newport*, and eight Day's Service in drawing out the Accounts of *Cole* and *Rome* ; for Cash paid for one Quire of Paper ; and for Horse-hire, Expences, and six Days Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session : All which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be, and the same is hereby, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being thirteen Pounds, six Shillings, and eight Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

Bounty on  
Saltpetre con-  
tinued, and  
*P. Turner* ap-  
pointed In-  
specter.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bounty on Saltpetre be continued until the first Day of *May* next : That *Peter Turner* be Inspector of Saltpetre for the County of *Bristol* ; and that the Inspectors, heretofore appointed, continue in their said Offices until further Orders from this Assembly.

*J. Hazard* al-  
lowed £. 1  
10.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Hazard* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Use of a Room in his House, for the Members of the Upper House to sit in at this present Session ;



Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Hazard*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court in the County of *Newport*, hath through Mistake issued an Execution in Favour of *Robert Lawton* against *Isaac Hart*, returnable to *Newport* November Term, 1776, in an Action that was continued to said Inferior Court, from the last Inferior Court held in said County : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff to whom said Execution was delivered, redeliver the same to the said *Josias Lyndon*; and that the said Action stand continued to said Inferior Court, agreeable to the Judgment of the same Court.

Mistake in an Execution R. Lawton against I. Hart rectified.

WHEREAS *Simeon Potter*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in fitting Capt. *Whipple's* Sloop, on Government's Account, for Cartridge-paper and Shingle-nails, by him furnished in fitting Whale-boats, for Timber and Plank for Platforms, and for divers other Services and Expences : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being eleven Pounds, seventeen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Simeon Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Potter allowed £. 11 17 6.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Judge of the Court erected for the Trial of Maritime Causes receive only six Pounds for the Condemnation of any Vessel or Cargo, brought within this State, any Law to the contrary hereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Judge of the Maritime Court to receive only six Pounds, for the Condemnation of every Vessel.

RESOLVED, That those Town Officers, within the several Towns in this State, who have neglected

Town-Officers disqualified from serving, unless

they subscribe  
the Test.

glected to subscribe the *Test*, as by a Law of this State heretofore provided, be, and they are hereby, disqualified from serving in their respective Offices in future; and that the several Towns within this State be, and they are hereby, empowered and enjoined to call Town-Meetings, as soon as may be, for the Purpose of electing Persons to such Offices as are become vacant by the aforesaid Disqualification.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That this Resolve be printed, as soon as may be, in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

Committee to  
act in the Re-  
cess of the As-  
sembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, the Deputy-Governor, and Members of the General Council, or any five of them, together with the Deputies belonging to the respective Towns in this State, or any six of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to act and transact all such Business as the Exigency of public Affairs, during the Recess of the Assembly, may require; and to advise his Honor therein; and that all Orders by them made and issued, and all other their Transactions, be laid before this Assembly at the next Session.

Draught of a  
Letter to Ge-  
neral *Wash-*  
*ington*, ap-  
proved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Draught of a Letter to his Excellency General *Washington*, laid before this Assembly by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, be, and the same is hereby, approved; and that a fair Copy be made and signed by his Honor the Governor, and forwarded to his Excellency by Messrs. *Hazard* and *Holden*.

Committee to  
draught an  
Act regulating  
the Loan-Of-  
fice, and to  
take Bonds of  
the Keeper of  
said Office.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, *John Cole* and *Jonathan Arnold*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to draught an Act, regulating the Loan-Office within this State: And that they immediately take Bonds of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; Keeper of said Office, in the Sum of twenty thousand Pounds, with sufficient Sureties, and lodge the same in the Secretary's Office; and that said *Joseph* immediately after his giving

giving Bond, as aforesaid, receive any Monies that may be brought him into his Office, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be. and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : And that the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the rising of this Assembly ; and in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby, adjourned to the First Monday of *December* next, then to meet at *Newport*.

Adjourn-  
ment,

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES  
OF *AMERICA*.

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*Henry Ward*







At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden (in Consequence of *Warrants* issued by his Honor the Governor) at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Thursday* the **Twenty-first** Day of *November*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq;* Deputy-Governor.

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAVLES, jun. Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants.

ROUSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

Mr. John Tanner,  
Col. Joseph Belcher.

## PROVIDENCE:

Col. Jonathan Arnold,  
Mr. John Brown,  
Theodore Foster, Esq;

## PORTSMOUTH:

None.

## WARWICK:

Mr. Jacob Greene,  
Mr. Thomas Holden.

## WESTERLY:

Joshua Babcock, Esq;  
Col. Joseph Noyes.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, Esq;  
Major Sylvester Gardner.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Mr. Immanuel Case,  
Daniel Rodman, Esq;

## EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast.

## JAMESTOWN:

Capt. Samuel Carr,  
Benjamin Underwood, Esq;

## SMITHFIELD:

Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;  
Capt. Andrew Waterman.

## SCITUATE:

William West, Esq;  
Mr. Christopher Potter.

## GLOUCESTER:

Richard Steere, Esq;

## CHARLESTOWN:

Col. Joseph Stanton, jun.

## WEST-GREENWICH:

Mr. Samuel Hopkins, jun.  
Mr. John Kinyon.

## COVENTRY:

Mr. Ephraim Westcot,  
Mr. John Greene.

## EXETER:

George Peirce, Esq;

## MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Nicholas Easton.

## BRISTOL:

Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;

## TIVERTON:

None.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

Mr. Perez Richmond,  
Mr. Nathaniel Church.

## WARREN:

Mr. Cromel Child,  
Col. Sylvester Child.

## CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, Esq;  
Capt. Elisha Waterman.

## RICHMOND:

Mr. Simeon Clarke, jun.

## CRANSTON:

Mr. William Field,  
Mr. John King, jun.

## HOPKINTON:

Mr. John Larkin.

## JOHNSTON:

Abraham Belknap, Esq;

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Mr. Joseph Olney,  
Mr. Benjamin Sheppard.

## BARRINGTON:

Mr. Moses Tyler.

The Honorable Metcalf Bowler,  
Esq; being absent, William Greene,  
Esq; was chosen Speaker of the  
Lower House.

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.



**I**T is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. George Sears, with the Committee of Safety for this State, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to purchase Blankets, Shirts, Stockings, Shoes, and Woollens fit for Soldiers Cloaths; and that they take the most effectual and speedy Methods for getting such Woollens as they may purchase, and those already purchased in Behalf of the Continent, made up, that the same may be forwarded as soon as may be to Head-Quarters, near New-York, agreeable to a Recommendation of Congress; and that they draw upon the Continental Agent for the Sums necessary to execute this Business.

Committee to purchase Cloathing and other Necessaries for the Soldiers.

WHEREAS this Assembly hath been requested to give Assistance to forward the Manning and Sailing of those Ships and Vessels belonging to the Continental Fleet and Navy, which are now in this State; and whereas it is represented to this Assembly, that great Uneasiness hath arisen amongst the Men belonging to the Navy, on Account of the Wages not having been paid, nor the Prize-Money distributed, which has not only produced a great Disaffection to the Service, and now prevents many from entering therein, but has also been represented much to the Disadvantage of this State, and proved injurious to that Character it has ever supported in the Defence of American Liberty: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Esq Hopkins, Esq; Commodore and Commander in Chief of said Fleet, be requested, by a special Message, to attend this Assembly, in order that by making such Enquiry as they think proper respecting the Matters aforesaid, this Assembly may be enabled to render to the said Navy the most effectual Assistance, and acquit this State from every injurious Misrepresentation on that Account.*

E. Hopkins requested to attend the Assembly.

WHEREAS the Time of Inlistment of a greater Part of the Soldiers in the Regiment under the Command of Col. Richmond hath expired, and the said Soldiers are discharged: And whereas the Commissions of the Field-Officers have expired: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Artillery and other Companies in said Regiment, whose Time of Inlistment hath not expired, with their respective Officers, continue in Service, agreeable to their Inlistment, and be under the Command of Col. Cook: That the said Officers rank agreeable to the Date of their Commissions: That the Captains and subaltern Officers, who have Continental Commissions, take Rank of the Captains and subaltern Officers who have Militia Commissions; and that the Thanks of this Assembly be given to Col. William Richmond, and the rest of the Officers who have Continental Commissions. for their good Services during the Time they have been in this State.*

Artillery and other Companies of Col. Richmond's Regiment whose Times have not expired, to be under the Command of Col. Cook.

WHEREAS Col. Ray Sands preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That he was ordered by Col. Brown to set a Watch on the Sea-Side, by Narraganset Ferry; which Service he attended; and has since been sued by Samuel Wilson, one of the Watch, for Fourteen Nights Service, who recovered Judgment for the same, at the Rate of *Three Shillings per Night*: That when sued, he immediately went to Justice Thomas, who granted out the Writ, and upon Reasons then assigned by the Petitioner said Justice promised that no Judgment should be made up: That the Petitioner since finds that one Eber Skerman, another Justice, has defaulted your Petitioner, and made up Judgment in Favour of said Wilson, for *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, whereas he had a Right only to *Twenty-four Shillings*, having performed his Duty only Twelve Nights, at *Two Shillings per Night*; which is all the Allowance made by the State for that Service: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to set aside said Judgment, and order a new Trial of said Cause before said Justice Thomas at any Time hereafter,

R. Sands's Petition granted.

hereafter, he giving six Days Notice of the Time of Trial to each of the Parties.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*J. Dexter*  
allowed £ 2  
14 s. WHEREAS *John Dexter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services and Horse-Hire in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Cumberland*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Dexter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Dexter*  
allowed £ 4  
10 s. WHEREAS the said *John Dexter* laid before this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in procuring the Escutcheons and other Devices engraved for the last Emission of the Lawful Money Bills: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Dexter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Smith* al-  
lowed £ 2  
8 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Noah Smith* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in warning the Members of the General Assembly, in the County of *Providence*, to attend at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Noah Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Allen* al-  
lowed £ 1  
8 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Pardon Allen* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in carrying Letters from *South-Kingsdown* to his Honor the Governor at *Providence*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Pardon Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

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An A C T in Addition to an Act intituled, “ An Act  
“ empowering the Members of the Upper and  
“ Lower Houses of Assembly, to tender to such  
“ of the Inhabitants as are herein mentioned a  
“ Declaration or Test, for Subscription.”

Act in Ad-  
dition to the  
Test Act.

**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That no Execution in future be issued on any Judgment of any of the Courts of Law within this State, unless the Person or Persons in whose Favour said Judgment is obtained, hath subscribed the Test prescribed by any Act of this State, or hath taken the Affirmation or produced the proper Certificate by said Act required; and all Executions already issued in Favour of any Person or Persons who have not subscribed the

the said Test, or taken said Affirmation, or produced such Certificate, be returned by the Officers to whom they may be delivered to the Court to which they may be returnable unsatisfied, unless the said Person or Persons, before the Return thereof, subscribe said Test, or take said Affirmation, or produce said Certificate.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person hath been committed upon any Execution, at the Suit of any Person within this State who hath not subscribed the Test-Act, and the Person committed stands still committed, or is out upon Thirty per Cent. Bond, that such Persons be discharged from Prison, or from such Bonds, the Judgment to stand good, and Execution to issue thereon, as though no Execution had issued, upon the Persons who have obtained such Judgments first subscribing the Test, taking the Affirmation, or producing the Certificate prescribed by the said Act. such Persons so committed paying and discharging the Fees for committing, and Prison-Fees.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person, within or without this State, shall be allowed the Privilege of obtaining any Judgment or Execution, upon any Note assigned over by any Inhabitant of this State, unless the Person who hath assigned the same hath subscribed said Test, or hath taken said Affirmation, or produced the Certificate by said Act required.*



*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary do make out an Abstract of the Officers in the Regiments lately under the Command of Col. William Richmond, with the respective Times of their entering into the Service and Dismission therefrom, and the extra Pay allowed by this State, agreeable to the Pay allowed by Congress to the said Officers, in order that the same may be signed by the Colonel, and delivered to the Committee of Safety, to be by them paid: That Col. Richmond do make out Abstracts from the several Returns of the Companies in the said Regiments, and deliver the same to the Committee of Safety in this State, as soon as may be; who shall immediately upon the Receipt thereof draw the Monies due thereon out of the General-Treasury, and pay the same: That Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, the standing Committee for auditing Accounts for this State, be and they are hereby directed to make out an Account of all Disbursements made by this State for the said Regiments, and present the same, together with the above mentioned Account of the extra Pay to the Officers, to the Paymaster of the Continental Troops for the Northern District of America, and receive the Monies due therefor, and pay the same into the General-Treasury; and that the said standing Committee make Report of their Doings to this Assembly as soon as may be.*

Returns to be made to the Committee of Safety of the Officers of the Regiments lately under the Command of Col. Richmond, &c.

*WHEREAS it appears, by Advice by Express from due Authority in New-London, in the State of Connecticut, that a Flag of Truce is there arrived from Lord Howe, for a general Exchange of Prisoners confined to the marine Department: And whereas this Assembly is also well informed, that a considerable Number of the Subjects of the American States have been captured by the British Navy, as well those who sailed in American Privateers as in Merchantmen; that all promiscuously are confined under Decks in large Numbers in a very sickly Condition, and under short Allowance: Therefore, for the Relief of such, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Brigantine which the Masters and Mates of the Prizes lately captured and brought into this State purchased agreeable to an Act*

Brigantine purchased by the Masters and Mates, to proceed to England, to be detained till further Orders.

of this Assembly, together with each and every Person who hath had a Permit to proceed in said Brigantine, be detained, and not suffered to depart until further Orders from this Assembly, that it may be known, whether if they depart from this Port for *Great-Britain*, by Permission of this Assembly, a like Number will be exchanged for them: And the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* is hereby ordered and directed immediately to see this Resolve carried into Execution, if said Brigantine is to be found within this State; and all Officers civil and military are to aid and assist, if Occasion require.

Committee to regulate the Fees of the several Officers in this State.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Wanton* (Son of *Gideon*) Dr. *Jonathan Arnold*, and Messieurs *Immanuel Case*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Sylvester Child*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to regulate the Fees of the several Officers within this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*D. Rodman* allowed £ 4 10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Rodman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in *South-Kingstown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General-Treasury.



### An A C T for raising a Regiment, to serve for Three Months.

Act for raising a Regiment.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That one Regiment be forthwith raised from the Militia of this State, to consist of the Number of Men as hereafter ordered, and to continue in the Service of this State Three Months from the Time of their Inlistment, unless dismissed before that Time by this Assembly: That said Regiment be commanded by one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major, and consist of Eight Companies; each Company to be led by one Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign: That one Adjutant and one Quarter-Master be appointed for said Regiment: That said Regiment be composed of six Men as Soldiers of every Hundred of the male Inhabitants of Sixteen Years of Age, and upwards, as last estimated within this State: That the several Towns within this State raise such a Number of Men, within their respective Towns, as shall be their Proportion thereof, agreeable to the said Estimate: That if any of the said male Inhabitants shall inlist in any other Town than the Town whereof they are Inhabitants, they shall be considered as raised by the Towns to which they may respectively belong; and the said Towns are hereby directed to march their said Proportion of Men to the Island of *Rhode-Island*, within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, upon the Penalty of *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered of any delinquent Town, for the Use of this State, by the General-Treasurer, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of the Courts of Law within this State.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Form of the Inlistment for the Regiment now ordered to be raised be as follows, *to wit*: "I the Subscriber hereby solemnly engage and inlist myself as a Soldier, in the Regiment ordered to be raised from the Militia of

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“ the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in the Service and  
 “ Pay of said State, from the Day of my Inlistment, for and during the  
 “ Term of Three Months, unless sooner discharged by the Assembly of  
 “ said State: And I hereby promise to submit myself to all the Orders  
 “ and Regulations of the Army of the United States, and faithfully to  
 “ observe and obey all such Orders as I shall receive, from Time to Time,  
 “ from my Officers.”

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Officers and Soldiers of the said Regiment be and they are hereby allowed the same monthly Wages, as are allowed the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment under the Command of Col. *Jobn Cook*, now upon the Island of *Rhode-Island* aforesaid.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Committee of Safety, with such other Persons as the several Towns within this State shall appoint, are hereby appointed to equip and furnish each and every Soldier, who shall inlist as aforesaid, with a Blanket, Knap sack, one good Fire-Arm, with a Bayonet and Cartridge-Box; to be returned to such of the said Committee of Safety who furnished the same, at the Expiration of the Time of Inlistment of said Soldiers.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That for as many Blankets, Knap sacks, Fire-Arms, with a Bayonet and Cartridge-Box, as cannot readily be furnished by the aforesaid Committee, the following Sums shall be paid to each and every Soldier who shall furnish himself with them, or either of them, for the Use thereof, *to wit: Thirteen Shillings* Lawful Money for a Blanket; *Two Shillings and Sixpence* for Knap sack; *Twelve Shillings* for a Fire-Arm and Bayonet, and *Two Shillings and Sixpence* for a Cartridge-Box.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Committees of Safety do, and they are hereby directed to receive the Fire-Arms in the Town of *Newport*, belonging to this State, in order to equip the Soldiers as aforesaid.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That those Towns who in taking the last Estimate, before referred to, included those of their Inhabitants who were either in the Army or Navy, raise only such a Number of Men as their Proportion shall be, agreeable to said Estimate, excluding therefrom the Persons who were absent as aforesaid.

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit to the several Town-Clerks within this State Copies of this Act, within Forty-eight Hours after the Rising of this Assembly; and the said Town-Clerks are hereby directed immediately to issue their Warrants to call Town-Meetings within their respective Towns, to meet as soon as may be, for carrying this Act into Execution.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That each Captain, or next Officer in Command, of the several Independent Companies and Companies of Militia in this State, notify his Company to appear at some proper Place on the Twenty-ninth Day of this inst. *November*, under Arms, with all Accoutrements, agreeable to Law: That such Captain or next Commanding Officer see that the Fines for Non-attendance be punctually collected; and

Militia and  
Independent  
Companies to  
be examined  
with respect  
to their Arms  
and Accou-  
trements.

and make out a List of the Deficiency of each Person in each Article : That he send a proper Officer to the Dwelling-House of each Person not attending, to examine how far such Person be deficient : That each Captain, or next Commanding Officer of the Companies of Militia, make a proper Return thereof to the Colonel of the Regiment to which he belongs : That each Captain, or next Officer in Command of the Independent Companies, make a like Return to this Assembly, at the next Session ; and that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Resolve to each Colonel of the Militia, and to each Commander of the several Independent Companies in this State, within Three Days after the Rising of this Assembly.



*A. Holden's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Gaol-Keeper in *East-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That for a considerable Time past, he has boarded three Prisoners of War, for *Nine Shillings per Week* : And that as Provisions and Firewood have arisen to a most exorbitant Price, the said Allowance is altogether inadequate for their Support ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to allow *Twelve Shillings per Week* in future for the Support of said Prisoners.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*C. Child* allowed £ 45

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* hath presented to this Assembly an Order, drawn by *Stanton Hazard* on *George Rome*, and by him accepted, for Five Hundred Weight of Cordage, and hath requested this Assembly to deliver said Cordage, according to the Tenor of said Order, or pay him the Value thereof : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds* Lawful Money, in full Satisfaction for said Cordage, be allowed and paid to the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury ; and that upon Payment thereof, the said *Cromel* assign said Order to the General-Treasurer.

Officers  
chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Gentlemen as Officers, in the Regiment now ordered to be raised.

*John Sayles, jun. Esq;* Colonel, *Benjamin Talman, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Thomas Potter, jun. Esq;* Major.

*Wing Spooner, Christopher Manchester, jun. Thomas Thompson, Moses Turner, Malachi Hammett, Asa Kimball, Stephen Sheldon, and Royzel Smith,* Captains.

*Samuel Stevens*, First Lieutenant of Capt. *Wing Spooner's* Company.

*Walter Palmer*, First Lieutenant of Capt. *Christopher Manchester's* Company.

*William Coon, jun.* First Lieutenant of Capt. *Thomas Thompson's* Company.

*William Lawless*, First Lieutenant of Capt. *Moses Turner's* Company.

*Micah Whitmarsh*, First Lieutenant of Capt. *Malachi Hammett's* Company.

*Squire Fiske*, First Lieutenant of Capt. *Asa Kimball's* Company.

*Nathaniel Carpenter*, First Lieutenant of Capt. *Stephen Sheldon's* Company.

*John Cole, jun.* First Lieutenant of Capt. *Royzel Smith's* Company.

*Moses*

*Moses Watson*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Wing Spooner's* Company.

*Thomas Earl*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Christopher Manchester's* Company.

*Christopher Clarke*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Thomas Thompson's* Company.

*Vial Allen*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Moses Turner's* Company.

*Job Greene*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Malachi Hammett's* Company.

*Laban Waterman*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Asa Kimball's* Company.

*Esek Olney*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Stephen Sheldon's* Company.

*Barber Peckham*, Second Lieutenant of Capt. *Royzel Smith's* Company.

*Benjamin Cornel*, Ensign of Capt. *Wing Spooner's* Company.

*Job Clap*, Ensign of Capt. *Christopher Manchester's* Company.

*George Wilcox*, Ensign of Capt. *Thomas Thompson's* Company.

*Thomas Swan*, Ensign of Capt. *Moses Turner's* Company.

*Joseph Hopkins*, Ensign of Capt. *Malachi Hammett's* Company.

*Samuel Black*, Ensign of Capt. *Asa Kimball's* Company.

*John Herrington, jun.* Ensign of Capt. *Stephen Sheldon's* Company.

*Lawrence Pearce*, Ensign of Capt. *Royzel Smith's* Company.

#### STAFF OFFICERS.

*Benjamin Stelle*, Adjutant.

*Solomon Townsend, jun.* Quarter-Master.

*Stephen Wigneron*, Surgeon.

AND the said *Stephen Wigneron* is also appointed Surgeon to all the Forces stationed, or about to be stationed upon *Rhode-Island*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Coggeshall* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants of *North-Kings-town*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds One Shilling* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Coggeshall*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Coggeshall*  
allowed £ 4  
1 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*. That *Ebenezer Spencer* be appointed Captain, *William Hall* Lieutenant, and *John Shaw* Ensign, of the First Company of Militia in *East-Greenwich*; and that *Amos Jones* be Ensign of the Second Company in said Town.

Militia Of-  
ficers in *East-  
Greenwich*.

WHEREAS Capt. *William Sweet* preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That whilst in the Service of this State he, with the Sailors under his Command, were captured by the Enemy, and carried into *Antigua*, from which Place he, together with Mr. *Jonathan Fairbanks*, his Mate, took Passage for *Rhode-Island*, which was very expensive to the Petitioner, he being obliged to pay all the Expences of Mr. *Fairbanks*, or leave him behind: That he is now sued to *Providence Court* for the Money in his Hands belonging to the State, which he ever was and now is ready to account for: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take his Petition into Consideration, and grant to him and Mr. *Fairbanks* their Wages and Expences, in the same Manner as has been already allowed to the Seamen who were captured with him. To which Petition he subjoined an Account of their Expences and Wages.

*W. Sweet's*  
Petition  
granted, and  
he allowed  
£ 26 10 s.  
4 d.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-six Pounds Ten Shillings and Fourpence* of the said Account be allowed, and no more, this Assembly deducting therefrom the Charges of Wages made, and that said Sum be deducted from the Demand on which an Action has been commenced against the said *William Sweet* by this State; and upon his the said *William's* paying to

the General-Treasurer the Balance that will be due to this State, after making the Deduction aforesaid, that said Action be withdrawn.

**Rank of Officers settled.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Captains now chosen to be commissioned for the Regiment ordered to be raised to be sent upon *Rhode-Island*, take Rank according to the Date of their Commissions, which they have heretofore had for actual Service; and those that have Commissions bearing equal Date draw for Rank; and those who never before had Commissions likewise draw for Rank; and that those who have had Commissions for actual Service, take Rank of those who never had such Commissions; and that the Lieutenants and Ensigns serve in the Companies to which they are appointed; and if any of the said Officers appointed for said Regiment shall not accept their Commissions, that the Towns to which they may respectively belong appoint other Persons in their Places, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

**Inhabitants of Jamestown and Prudence to remove their Stock.** WHEREAS this State is in daily Expectation of an Invasion from the Enemy: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be and it is hereby recommended to the Inhabitants thereof, who have Stock upon either of the Islands of *Jamestown* or *Prudence*, to remove the same immediately to the main Land; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* give Notice to the Inhabitants of *Jamestown*, and the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol* to the Inhabitants of *Prudence*, of this Resolve.

**One Month's Pay to be advanced to the Soldiers.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That one Month's Pay be advanced to every Man who shall enlist himself as a Soldier, in the Regiment ordered by this Assembly to be raised from the Militia of this State, at the Time of his Enlistment: That the same be paid by the Committees of Safety, and the Persons appointed by the several Towns to furnish the Troops with Blankets, Knapacks, Guns, Bayonets, and Cartouch-Boxes, agreeable to the Act of this Assembly; and that the Persons so appointed by the several Towns, be furnished with such Sums of Money as shall be necessary for furnishing and equipping said Troops, and paying the said advanced Wages from the Committees of Safety for this State.

**Committee to join Committee from the other New-England States.** WHEREAS the General Court of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, by a Resolve of the Sixteenth of this inst. *November*, have appointed a Committee to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of *Connecticut*, *New-Hampshire*, and this State, at *Providence*, on the Tenth Day of *December* next, in case such Committees be by the said Assemblies appointed, to hold a Conference respecting further Emissions of Paper Currency on the Credit of any of the said States; also upon Measures necessary for supporting the Credit of the public Currencies thereof, &c. Which having been duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *William Bradford*, Esq; Col. *Jonathan Arnold*, and *Henry Marchant*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to meet the said Committee from the State of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, at the Time and Place and for the Purposes in the said Resolve mentioned; provided the States of *Connecticut* and *New-Hampshire* shall think proper to appoint Committees for the same Purposes; and that the Secretary immediately transmit Copies of this Resolve to the States of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, *Connecticut*, and *New-Hampshire*.

**H. Babcock allowed £ 20** WHEREAS Col. *Henry Babcock* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Money by him supplied to Sergeant *Gardner*, who went Express to General *Washington*; for his Expences in attending the Assembly at *Providence*, by Order of his Honor the Governor; for



for his Expences in attending the Assembly at *East-Greenwich*; for Cash paid the Doctors, for attending him during his Sickness; for his Rations while in the Service of this State, and for his extra Pay as Colonel-Commandant of the Government's Brigade: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed, in full Satisfaction of said Account; and that the same be paid unto the said *Henry Babcock*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS it is the Opinion of this Assembly, that it is highly necessary, for the Defence of *Rhode-Island* in particular, and of this State in general, to keep open the Passage at *Bristol* and *Howland's* Ferries; and that two strong Fortifications be erected at or near each of said Ferries; and that it will be expedient to take off so many of the Cannon from *Rhode-Island*, as may be necessary for those Fortifications: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That one Eighteen-Pounder and two Twelve-Pounders be left in the Fort or Battery at *Brenton's Point*: That one Twenty-four-Pounder, two Eighteen-Pounders, and two Twelve-Pounders, be left in *Fort Liberty*; and that one Twenty-four-Pounder, two Eighteen-Pounders, and two Twelve-Pounders, be left in the North Battery: That all the Cannon mounted on Field-Carriages be also left on *Rhode-Island*; and that all the rest of the Cannon be forthwith removed to the main Land, namely: Three of the heaviest Cannon to *Bristol Ferry*, and three to *Howland's Ferry*. And as there are but two Cannon now at the Battery on *Fox Point*, near *Providence*, *It is further Resolved*, That the Remainder of the Cannon so to be removed, be removed to the said Battery at *Fox Point*: That *Daniel Mowry*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to see the same removed accordingly: That *Col. Cook* afford him all necessary Assistance, with the Soldiery under his Command, in removing the same: That the Gallies be used for conveying said Cannon: That *Col. Cook*, *Col. Sayles*, the said *Daniel Mowry*, and *Mr. Joseph Brown*, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to plan, lay out and erect said Fortifications; and that they also remove such Accoutrements, Shot and Cartridges, with said Cannon so to be removed, as they shall think proper, paying a due Regard to what may be necessary for the Cannon to be left on *Rhode-Island*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety purchase on the best Terms they can the Woollens in the Hands of *Mr. Daniel Tillinghast*, for cloathing the Battalions ordered to be raised by this State.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Church*, and *Daniel Rodman*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to proceed forthwith to *New-London*, to negotiate with any Person or Persons, authorised by *Lord Howe*, an Exchange of Prisoners; that they enquire into what Powers such Person may have for settling the Exchange, and appoint the Time and Place when and where the Exchange shall be made. And whereas there are a Number of Masters of Vessels, Mates, Passengers, and their Apprentices, Subjects of the King of *Great-Britain*, now enlarged upon Parole, with Permission to proceed to *Great-Britain*, in a Vessel by them purchased: *Resolved*, That the said Committee take an authentic List of their Names and Stations, and confer with the Person or Persons so authorised by *Lord Howe* as aforesaid, whether if said Persons be permitted to proceed from this State as aforesaid, they will be considered as so many Prisoners delivered up to *Lord Howe*; that upon the Conditions of Exchange being agreed upon, his Honor the Governor be requested to order all the Prisoners in this State, that are not under said Parole, to be collected together, and sent under proper Guard to the Place

Place agreed on, for the Exchange aforesaid, observing first to exchange for Prisoners belonging to this State, and then for Prisoners belonging to the United States in general; that if the Persons so having obtained Permission, shall be considered as Prisoners delivered to Lord Howe, that then those Masters, Mates, &c. now under said Parole, be permitted to proceed accordingly; that otherwise his Honor the Governor, with Messieurs John Jenckes and John Brown, be empowered to suffer all or so many of them to depart, according to their present Parole, as they shall think proper; and that Report be made by the said Thomas Church, and Daniel Rodman, to his Honor the Governor as soon as may be.

T. Spencer allowed 14 s.

WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Spencer exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for washing and cleansing the State-House in East-Greenwich, and Sand provided for the same, for cutting one Load of Wood, and for two Pounds of Candles, by him furnished for the Use of this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said Thomas Spencer, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Arnold, jun. to take Care of the Cannon at Pawtuxet and Warwick Neck.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That James Arnold, jun. Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to take Care of the two Cannon which were landed at Pawtuxet, and provide for them Rammers, Spunges, and all other necessary Utensils; and that he also take Care of the two Cannon landed at Warwick Neck.

Committee to prepare a Bill against Monopolies, &c.

WHEREAS the Continental Congress, on the Thirty-first of October, 1776, did resolve, That whereas it was represented to Congress, that sundry Inhabitants of these United States, to keep Supplies from the Army, or promote their own Interest, have purchased considerable Quantities of Cloathing, and refuse to dispose of the same, unless upon extravagant and unreasonable Terms: That it be recommended to the Assemblies, Conventions, Councils or Committees of Safety of the several States, forthwith to take such suitable Measures for obtaining for the Use of the Army such necessary Articles, as being thus engrossed in their respective States, cannot be otherwise immediately procured, allowing to the Owners reasonable Prices for the same; and that Laws be provided in each of the States, for effectually preventing Monopolies of Necessaries for the Army, or Inhabitants of the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. William Bradford, Esq; Henry Marchant, and Jonathan Arnold, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draw up an Act for preventing the like Abuses for the future, and for the due Punishment of all Monopolizers and Extortioners, within this State; especially of such Articles as are necessary for the Cloathing and Equipping the Soldiers, and of all naval and warlike Stores: That said Committee consult thereupon with the Committees that shall convene at Providence, for the Regulation of the Currency; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

W. Sweet allowed 14 s.

WHEREAS Mr. William Sweet presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said William Sweet, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Arnold Stafford* laid before this Assembly an Account, *A. Stafford* al-  
by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on the Assembly lowed 14 s.  
at this present Session : And the said Account being duly examined,  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ;  
and that *Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be  
paid unto the said *Arnold Stafford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed at the last Session, to act during the Recess of the General Assembly, be continued for the Purposes for which they were appointed, until the Sitting of this Assembly at the next Session. Committee to act in the Recess of the Assembly continued.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Sylvester Child* deliver to Mr. *S. Child* to deliver Salt to  
*John Smith*, for the Use of the County of *Providence*, the Salt he has in his Hands, besides the Proportion belonging to the County of *Bristol*. *J. Smith*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Guns belonging to this State be distributed to the Committees of Safety, according to the Proportion of the male Inhabitants of Sixteen Years of Age and upwards, as last estimated within their respective Counties. Guns belonging to the State to be distributed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That for every Bushel of Salt delivered by Col. *Sylvester Child* to the several Towns within this State, excepting for the Salt ordered by this Assembly to be delivered to Mr. *John Smith* for the County of *Providence*, he be allowed *Sixpence*; and that he retain as much Salt as the same amounts to, at and after the Rate of *Five Shillings and Sixpence per Bushel*, until a Distribution thereof is made. *S. Child* to be allowed 6 d. per Bushel in Salt.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Daniel Caboon* be and he is hereby appointed (in the Room of his Honor the Governor, who declines) a Committeeman, to join with Mr. *John Jenckes* in fitting out and sending away the Ship purchased by this State to fetch Salt, with the greatest Dispatch. *D. Caboon* appointed to fit the Salt Vessel in the Governor's Place.

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Stanton*, jun. hath informed this Assembly that he hath chartered a Vessel to tend for Salt, and that said Vessel is unable to proceed on her Voyage for Want of Sails, and hath requested this Assembly to furnish him with Duck, for the Purpose aforesaid : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Jenckes* deliver to the said *Joseph* eight Bolts of the Duck now in his Hands belonging to this State, at *Thirty Dollars per Bolt*; and that the said *Joseph* pay the Amount thereof, at the Rate aforesaid, into the General-Treasury. *J. Stanton*, jun. to be supplied with 8 Bolts of the Duck belonging to this State.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by this Assembly, to meet Committees from the other *New-England* States, respecting the Currency, be requested to desire those Committees to agitate in their respective Legislatures the Necessity of laying an Embargo throughout the said States, until the Forces proportioned to the said States are raised, and the Continental Ships within the same are manned, and to obtain the Sentiments of their respective Legislatures thereon as soon as may be, and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session. Committee to propose to the Committees from the other States, an Embargo.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Motery*, jun. Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to remove the Boards and other Lumber, and Lime, belonging to this State, now on the Island of *Rhode-Island*, to *Bristol Ferry*, on the Main : And that the Committee appointed by this Assembly to erect Fortifications, at *Bristol Ferry* and *Howland's Ferry*, station at each  
D Fortress

*D. Motery* to remove Lumber, &c.

November, 1776.

Fortrefs such a Number of Troops as shall to them seem necessary for each Fortification: And also that the aforefaid Committee remove the Materials of which the Barrack at *Jamelltown* is built, in order to be used in building the Barracks either at *Bristol Ferry* or *Howland's Ferry*, as to them shall seem best.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County: And that this Assembly be adjourned to the Second *Monday* of *December* next, at *Newport*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

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A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

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*Henry Ward*

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden (in Consequence of *Warrants* issued by his Honor the Governor) at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Tuesday* the Tenth Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six ; and from thence adjourned to *Providence*, where the same was held, on *Thursday* the Twelfth Day of the same Month.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq;* Deputy-Governor.

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

ROUSE J. HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

Assistants.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Tanner,  
Col. Joseph Belcher.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Col. Jonathan Arnold,  
Mr. John Brown,  
Mr. John Smith,  
Theodore Foster, Esq;*

## PORTSMOUTH:

None.

## WARWICK:

*Mr. Jacob Greene,  
Col. Samuel Aborn,  
Mr. Thomas Holden.*

## WESTERLY:

*Joshua Babcock, Esq;  
Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Mr. Immanuel Case,  
Daniel Rodman, Esq;*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,  
Benjamin Underwood, Esq;*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;  
Capt. Andrew Waterman.*

## SCITUATE:

*Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

*Richard Steere, Esq;*

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Col. Joseph Stanton, jun.  
Col. Gideon Hoxfie.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Samuel Hopkins, jun.*

## COVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Weltcot,  
Mr. John Greene (Son of James.)*

## EXETER:

*George Peirce, Esq;*

## MIDDLETOWN:

None.

## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;*

## TIVERTON:

None.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

None.

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,  
Col. Sylvester Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*John Dexter, Esq;  
Mr. Elisha Waterman.*

## RICHMOND:

None.

## CRANSTON:

*Mr. William Field,  
Mr. John King, jun.*

## HOPEINTON:

*Mr. John Larkin,  
Thomas Wells, Esq;*

## JOHNSTON:

*Caleb Harris, Esq;  
Abraham Belknap, Esq;*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. Joseph Olney,  
Mr. Benjamin Sheppard.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Moses Tyler.**JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*



**B**E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That for the future his Honor the Governor, and Deputy-Governor for the Time being, and three Assistants, or his Honor the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor, with four Assistants, shall constitute a Quorum of the Upper House of Assembly: And that Twenty-one Deputies shall constitute a Quorum of the Lower House of Assembly of this State; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Governor and  
4 Assistants  
and 21 Mem-  
bers of the  
Lower House  
to constitute  
a General  
Assembly.

WHEREAS a large Body of the Enemy have taken Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, and are endeavouring to penetrate the Country; so that it is become necessary, for the public Utility of this State, that a Council of War be immediately appointed: *Therefore, Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy-Governor; the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *Ambrose Page*, Esq; Mr. *John Tanner*, *John Dexter*, Esq; the Honorable *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; Mr. *Cromel Child*, the Honorable *William Greene*, Esq; and *Henry Ward*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Council of War: That they, or any five of them, are fully empowered to do, act and transact, all and every Thing and Matter for the Well-being and Security of this State, and the United States in general: That they make and ordain all such Rules, Orders and Regulations, for the well governing, ordering, disciplining, cloathing and supplying the Army, now raised, or that may be raised by this State, and the other neighbouring States in Conjunction (if such an Army should be so raised) as to them shall seem right and just; and that all such Rules, Orders and Regulations, by them made in the Recess of the General Assembly, shall be of as full Force and Authority, to all Intents and Purposes, as though made and passed by this General Assembly.

Council of  
War appoint-  
ed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be requested to write to the States of *New-Hampshire*, *Massachusetts-Bay*, and *Connecticut*, inclosing the Resolve of this General Assembly appointing a Council of War, and requesting that each of said States appoint a Committee to meet on the Twenty-third of this Instant, or as much sooner as possible, in the Town of *Providence*, in this State, with said Council of War, to confer upon the Expediency of raising an Army, for immediate Defence against the *British* Fleet and Army now within this State, whereby the Militia may be relieved; and in general to consult upon every Measure necessary to be taken for the Support of the common Cause.

Governor to  
write to the  
several New-  
England  
States.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Militia of the Town of *Little-Compton* be forthwith removed and stationed within said Town, in such Places as Col. *Thomas Church* shall direct; and that the said *Thomas Church* procure such Boats as shall be necessary for guarding the Sea-Coast of said Town.

Militia of *Little-Compton* to  
be stationed  
in that Town.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *John Mathewson* deliver to Mr. *J. Mathewson* two Half-Barrels of Powder for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, and two Half-Barrels for the Town of *North-Kingstown*.

*son* to deliver  
Powder for  
North- and  
*South-Kings-*  
*town.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and it is hereby recommended to the Inhabitants on *Boston-Neck* and *Point-Judith*, forthwith to remove their Grain, Hay and Stock, from said *Boston-Neck* and *Point-Judith*; and upon their neglecting so to do, the Colonels *Noyes*, *Sands* and *Stanton*, they and each of them, with the Troops under their Command, are hereby ordered immediately to remove the same to such Places as they shall judge best, and most safe. and place them out to be kept in the best Manner

Inhabitants of  
*King's County*  
to remove  
their Stock,  
&c.

Manner they may be able, which shall be at the proper and only Expence of the Proprietors of said Grain, Stock and Hay; and said Grain, Stock and Hay, shall be liable therefor, and a sufficient Part thereof shall be withheld by this State, until the Charge thereof be satisfied and paid: That the Troops of Horse from *Connecticut*, and in this State, be stationed in the County of *King's County*, at and near *Boston-Neck* and *Point-Judith*; and they are required to aid and assist in guarding the Shores, and in driving off and removing said Grain, Stock and Hay; and the said Colonels *Noyes*, *Sands* and *Stanton*, are hereby required to secure all the Boats upon the Coast in *King's County*, and place them in such Parts as may be most for the general Safety, and the public Service.

Committee to draw a Bill for regulating the Prices of Goods, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, *Jonathan Arnold*, and *Thomas Wells*, Esquires, and Messieurs *Sylvester Child* and *Thomas Holden*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, they or the major Part of them, to draw a Bill for fixing the Prices of all necessary Supplies for the Army, within or without this State, and the Inhabitants thereof; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly, at the next Session, or as much sooner as may be.

Three Regiments to be raised.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That two Regiments, consisting of Seven Hundred and Fifty Men each, and one Regiment of Artillery, consisting of Five Companies of Sixty Men each, be forthwith raised for the Defence of this and the other United States: That *Theodore Foster*, and *Daniel Rodman*, Esquires, with the Secretary of this State, be a Committee to draught a Bill for that Purpose; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

*J. Jenckes* to purchase Goods bro't in the Prize Ship *Friendship*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Jenckes* be and he is hereby empowered to purchase the Goods which were brought into *Providence* in the Prize-Vessel called the *Friendship*, that were stopped by this State, of the Agent and Owners of the private Sloop of War which captured the same, on the best Terms possible, in Behalf of the Government.

Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, to wit:

*Ebenezer Slocum*, Captain, *Daniel Deval*, Lieutenant, and *Jacob Soule*, Ensign, of the Second Company of Militia in the Town of *Tiverton*.

*John Jenckes*, Esq; Fifth Assistant, in the Room of *John Jepson*, Esq; who is now upon the Island of *Rhode-Island*, which is possessed by the Enemy.

*Daniel Caboon*, Esq; Fifth Assistant, in the Room of the said *John Jenckes*, Esq; who refused, engaged.

Troops stationed in *Westerly* and *Charlestown*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That one Company of Militia of the Town of *Westerly*, and one Company of Militia of the Town of *Charlestown*, be removed from *South-Kingstown*, and be stationed in their respective Towns.

Colonels *Noyes* and *Sands* to procure Quarters for the Troops stationed at *Boston-Neck*, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Joseph Noyes*, and Col. *Ray Sands*, be directed forthwith to accompany the Troops of Horse stationed at *Boston-Neck* and *Point-Judith*; and that they procure convenient Quarters for said Troops as nigh said Places as possible.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this State will purchase of his Honor the Governor, and Mr. *John Brown*, the Flour they have to dispose of, at *Thirty Shillings* Lawful Money for every Hundred Weight: That his Honor the Deputy-Governor receive the Flour of Mr. *John Brown*, or his

his Order at *Bedford*: That Col. *Samuel Aborn* receive of his Honor the Governor, at *Pawtuxet*, the Flour he has to dispose of; and that they draw Orders for the same at the Rate aforesaid on the General-Treasurer.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be and he is hereby directed to deliver to *Jonathan Haszard*, Esq; all such Cloathing as he hath now in his Hands, that said *Haszard* shall think necessary for the two Battalions now raising by this State for the Continental Service; and that said *Haszard* be and he is hereby directed to send said Cloathing forward to the Western Army.

*P. Phillips* to deliver to *J. Haszard* Cloathing for the two Continental Battalions.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly by *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; that a considerable Quantity of Woollens and Flannels, which were bought and paid for by *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; for the Use of this State, are nigh the South Ferry in *South-Kingstown*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Daniel Rodman*, together with the Committees of Safety for *King's County*, be and they are hereby empowered to procure the same to be forthwith made up into such Cloathing as they may think most necessary for the Soldiers of this State; and that the same be supplied and delivered to the Soldiers, at the first Cost, by the Committees of Safety aforesaid.

Woollens in the Hands of *D. Rodman* to be made into Cloathing for the Soldiers.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonels *Noyes*, *Sands* and *Stanton*, be and they are hereby empowered and directed to take up and confine all such Persons, as shall in a wilful Manner oppose the Order of this Assembly, with respect to removing Grain, Hay and Stock, off from *Boston-Neck* and *Point-Judith*, and as soon as may be convey them to some interior Part of this State, and keep them under a sufficient Guard until an Order of this Assembly can be made respecting them; and that one Regiment of Troops be ordered to *King's County*, who, together with the Troops and Cavalry already ordered and stationed there, are hereby directed to afford every Assistance necessary to carry this Resolve into Execution.

Persons interrupting the Removal of Stock, &c. from *Boston-Neck*, &c. to be confined.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby empowered to grant Commissions for Privateers, or Letters of Marque and Reprisal, to any Foreigners who may apply for the same, they first giving Bond, with sufficient Sureties from any of the United States, for their due Observance of the Resolves of Congress and Acts of this State respecting Privateers and Letters of Marque and Reprisal; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Governor to grant Commissions, &c. to Foreigners.

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An ACT for raising, embodying, supplying and paying, two Regiments of Infantry, each consisting of Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, and a Regiment or Train of Artillery, consisting of Three Hundred Men, for the Defence of the United States in general, and of this State in particular.

WHEREAS our Enemies have invaded this State with a powerful Armament, and are now in Possession of the Island of *Rhode Island*, whereby we are imminently exposed to still more hostile Attacks, which renders it necessary that a considerable Addition be made to the Forces of this State.

AA for raising three Regiments.

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*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That two Regiments of Infantry, each consisting of Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, including Officers, as also a Regiment of Artillery, consisting of Three Hundred Men, Officers included, be immediately raised for the Defence of the United States in general, and of this State in particular: That the said three Regiments be formed into one Brigade, under the Command of a General: That each Regiment be commanded by one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major: That there be appointed for each Regiment one Adjutant, one Surgeon, and one Surgeon's Mate: That each of the Regiments of Infantry consist of eight Companies, which shall be commanded by one Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign; and that the said Regiment of Artillery consist of five Companies, which shall be commanded by one Captain, and such other Officers as shall be hereafter appointed.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each able-bodied effective Man, who shall enlist himself into either of said Regiments, shall be furnished with one Blanket, a Knapack, a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box and Canteen; and that he be allowed Six Pounds Lawful Money, as a Bounty: And if any Man who shall enlist himself as aforesaid shall furnish himself with a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Blanket, Knapack and Canteen, he shall be allowed therefor the Sums following, *that is to say: Eighteen Shillings* for a Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, *Twenty-four Shillings* for a Blanket, *Four Shillings and Sixpence* for a Knapack, and *Two Shillings* for a Canteen: And if any Man who shall be enlisted into either of said Regiments shall not be approved of by the Muster-Master of the Regiment into which he may be enlisted, all Sum or Sums of Money which he shall have received shall be deducted from the Wages of the Officer who shall enlist him.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Officer appointed in said Regiments shall be entitled to and receive the same Wages as Officers of the same Rank in the Continental Service; and that every Person who shall enlist as a Soldier into either of said Regiments shall be allowed and paid as Wages Three Pounds per Month.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each able-bodied Man, who shall enlist himself into either of said Regiments, shall be allowed Twelve Shillings per Week, after Enlistment, and before they shall be embodied; and that they be embodied within one Week after they shall be enlisted.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Officers and Soldiers engaged as aforesaid shall receive their Pay monthly: That each Soldier be paid one Month's Wages in advance upon Enlistment; and that Six Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid to every Officer, for every able-bodied and effective Man who shall be enlisted by him into either of said Regiments.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Officers and Soldiers, when embodied as aforesaid, shall be under the same Rules, Orders and Regulations, as those of the Continental Army; and that each Field-Officer and Captain be furnished with printed Copies thereof.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Soldier be enlisted by signing the following Enlistment, to wit: "I the Subscriber do hereby solemnly engage and enlist myself as a Soldier, in the*  
*" Pay*

“ Pay of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, for the  
 “ Preservation of the Liberties of *America*, and the Defence of the  
 “ United States in general, and of this State in particular, from the Day  
 “ of my Inlistment during the Term of Fifteen Months, unless sooner  
 “ discharged by this General Assembly; and I hereby promise to submit  
 “ myself to all the Orders and Regulations of the Army, and faithfully  
 “ to observe and obey all such Orders as I shall receive from Time to  
 “ Time from my Officers.”

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Officer or Soldier be arrested, prosecuted or detained in Gaol, for any Debt whatsoever less than *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, due to one Creditor; and that every Apprentice who shall inlist into either of said Regiments shall be entitled to and receive the whole of his Bounty and Wages.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That a Quarter-Master be appointed to each Regiment, to supply the said Troops with Cloathing and other Necessaries as shall be provided by this State for the Use of said Regiments, at such Prices as shall be established by this Assembly, or by the Council of War appointed to act in the Recess thereof, provided said Quarter-Master deliver nothing to any Soldier without an Order from the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company for the Time being, to which such Soldier belongs; and that no Order be drawn on the Quarter-Master for any Sum exceeding the Wages which shall be then due to the Soldier applying for the same.

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BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of Officers the following Officers, to wit: Officers  
chosen

*James Mitchel Varnum*, Esq; Brigadier-General of all the Forces now raised, or to be raised within this State.

*Monsieur Francois Lellorquis De Malmedy*, Chief Engineer and Director of the Works of Defence within this State, with the Rank of Brigadier-General.

*John Cook*, Esq; Colonel of one of the Regiments of Infantry now ordered to be raised for Fifteen Months.

*Benjamin Talman*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the same Regiment.

*William Bradford*, jun. Esq; Major of the same Regiment.

*Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; Colonel of the other Regiment of Infantry now ordered to be raised for Fifteen Months.

*Archibald Crary*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the same Regiment.

*William Barton*, Esq; Major of the same Regiment.

*Robert Elliott*, Esq; Colonel, *William Wall*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Job Pierce*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of the Train of Artillery.

*Ebenezer Adams*, *Gideon Westcott*, *Jabez Westcott*, jun. *Samuel Sweet*, and *John Tillinghast*, Captains of the several Companies in the Regiment of the Train of Artillery.

*Jonathan Clarke*, Esq; Linguist to Brigadier-General *De Malmedy*, with the Rank and Pay of a Major.

*Abimelech Riggs*, *Caleb Carr*, *Reuben Ballou*, *James Williams*, *James Parker*, and *Thomas Allin*, Captains in Colonel *Cook's* Regiment.

*Joseph Nightingale*, Esq; Major-General of the Militia of this State, in the Room of *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; who is appointed one of the Council of War.

*Thomas Thompson*, *Royzel Smith*, *Malachi Hammett*, *George Thurston*, jun. *Peleg Shoom*, and *William Roy*, Captains in Colonel *Stanton's* Regiment.

Henry

*Henry Alexander*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Riggs's* Company.  
*Ebenezer Macomber*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Carr's* Company.  
*Squire Fiske*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Ballou's* Company.  
*Jacob Belknap*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Williams's* Company.  
*Benjamin Church*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Parker's* Company.  
*William Lawless*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Allin's* Company.  
*Peleg Berry*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Thompson's* Company.  
*William Coon, jun.* First Lieutenant in Capt. *Smith's* Company.  
*Micah Whitmarsh*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Hammitt's* Company.  
*Beriah Lewis*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Thurston's* Company.  
*Benjamin Gorton*, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Williams's* Company.  
*Edward Crandall*, Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Smith's* Company.

General-  
 Treasurer  
 to hire  
 £ 30,000.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered to hire, in Behalf of this State, *Twenty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, at and after the Rate of *Four per Cent. per Ann.* and that he give his Notes therefor, payable on Demand.

Allowance to  
 Persons who  
 appeared in  
 the late  
 Alarm, with-  
 out Arms.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Shillings per Day* be allowed to every Person who appeared without Arms in the late Alarm, upon their producing a Certificate from their respective Town-Councils, that they were unable to furnish themselves.

Allowance to  
 the Officers  
 and Soldiers  
 who appear-  
 ed in the late  
 Alarm.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each and every Soldier of the Independent Companies, and Companies of Militia, and the Soldiers upon the Alarm List who have been upon actual Duty upon the late Alarm within this State, properly equipped as by Law required, shall be entitled to and receive *Three Shillings per Day*, for each and every Day they have been and shall continue in actual Service; and that each and every Officer who hath been upon Duty as aforesaid, shall have his Wages augmented in the same Proportion as the Soldiers are, *that is, Fifty per Cent.*

Sheriff of  
 Bristol to take  
 Possession of  
 several  
 Estates in that  
 County, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol* be and he is hereby directed to take Possession, in Behalf of this State, of the real Estates in said County belonging to *William Vassal, Isaac Royal*, and *Thomas Palmer*, Esquires, who are suspected of being Enemies to the United States: That the Sheriff for the County of *Providence* take Possession of two Horses belonging to said *Vassal*, now in *Providence*: And that Messieurs *John Waldron* and *Matthew Cushing* render an Account to this Assembly, at their next Session, of the Goods in their Possession belonging to either of the aforesaid Persons; and the Commanding Officer in the County of *Bristol* is directed to cut as much Wood off said Estates as shall be wanted for the Use of the Troops stationed in the Towns of *Bristol* and *Warren*, keeping an Account of the Quantity, and making as little Waste as possible. *And it is further Resolved*, That the Estate of *John Berland*, deceased, in said County of *Bristol*, be also taken Possession of by the said Sheriff, in Behalf of this State; and that Mr. *Nathaniel Pierce*, who has improved said Estate, account with the Treasurer forthwith for the Rents and Profits of said Estate, now in his Hands.

Alarm-List to  
 be formed in-  
 to Compa-  
 nies.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Alarm-List, in each Town within this State, be embodied into a separate Company, to be led by one Captain, two Lieutenants and one Ensign, to be chosen by the Company so embodied: That said Company do equip themselves, and be commissioned by his Honor the Governor; and that the Officers aforesaid take Rank with the several Independent Companies within this State, and do Duty accordingly.

WHEREAS *Simson Potter*, Esq; one of the Assistants of this State, hath neglected to attend this Assembly for several Sessions last past: And whereas it is necessary, in the present critical Situation of our public Affairs, that the Members of the Assembly should give their Attendance: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Cromel Child* be and he is hereby appointed to wait on the said *Simson Potter*, Esq; That he request him to render his Reasons for absenting himself from this Assembly; and that he give his Attendance, if he see fit, at the next Session of this Assembly.

*S. Potter* to render his Reasons for absenting himself from this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety pay the Accounts that may be presented to them for victualling and lodging the Troops that have marched to the Assistance of this State upon the late Alarm, if the same appear to them just and reasonable; and that they allow *One Shilling* for a Meal, and *Twopence* for a Night's Lodging upon the late Alarm.

Committee of Safety to pay the Accounts of victualling and lodging the Troops upon the late Alarm.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act permitting inoculation within this State, be and the same is hereby repealed: That the civil Authority use their utmost Endeavours that all Offenders against former Acts, respecting the spreading infectious Diseases, be brought to condign Punishment, agreeable to the Penalties annexed to the Breach of said Acts: That this Resolve be in Force two Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that it be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

Act permitting Inoculation repealed.

WHEREAS Brigadier-General *Malmedy* hath represented unto this Assembly, that on the Nineteenth Day of *September* last he was, by Order of Congress, appointed a Major in the Continental Service, and in which he hath continued until the Thirteenth of *December* current, when he arrived in the Town of *Providence*: That exclusive of his Pay and Rations received, there still remains a Balance in his Favour of the Sum of *Forty-five Dollars*, for which he requested this Assembly to order him Payment: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Sum of *Forty-five Dollars* be paid unto the said General *Malmedy*, by either of the Committee of Safety within this State.

Committee of Safety to pay *Mr. Malmedy* 45 Dollars.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the State; by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County: And that this Assembly be and the same hereby is adjourned until *Monday* the Twenty-third Day of *December* inst. then to meet at *Providence*.

Adjournment.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

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HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined.

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward*









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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of  
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY  
of the STATE of *Rhode-Island*  
and *Providence Plantations*, be-  
gun and holden, by Adjourn-  
ment, at *Providence*, within and  
for the said State, on Monday the  
Twenty-third Day of *December*,  
in the Year of our LORD, One  
Thousand, Seven Hundred and  
Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;* Governor.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq;* Deputy-Governor.

*JOHN COLLINS, Esq;*

*SIMEON POTTER, Esq;*

*AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;*

*DANIEL CAHOONE, Esq;*

*JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;*

*JONATHAN RANDALL Esq;*

*PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;*

*THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;*

} Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Tanner.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Col. Jonathan Arnold,  
Mr. John Brown,  
Mr. John Smith,  
Theodore Foster, Esq.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

N O N E.

## WARWICK:

*Mr. Jacob Greene,  
Col. Samuel Aborn,  
Mr. Thomas Holden.*

## WESTERLY:

*Joshua Babcock, Esq;  
Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

N O N E.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;  
Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Daniel Rodman, Esq.*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Tillinghaft.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Benjamin Underwood, Esq.*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq.*

## SCITUATE:

*William West, Esq;*

## GLOUCESTER:

N O N E.

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Col. Gideon Hoxfie,  
Mr. James Congdon the 3d.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

N O N E.

## COVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Westcoat,  
Mr. John Greene, (Son of James)*

## EXETER:

*Col. George Peirce.*

## MIDDLETOWN:

N O N E.

## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;  
Col. Nathaniel Peirce.*

## TIVERTON:

N O N E.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

N O N E.

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,  
Col. Sylvester Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*John Dexter, Esq;  
Mr. Elisha Waterman.*

## RICHMOND:

*Mr. Simeon Clarke, jun.*

## CRANSTON:

*Mr. William Field,  
Mr. John King, jun.*

## HOPKINTON:

*Mr. John Larkin,  
Thomas Wells, Esq.*

## JOHNSTON:

*Caleb Harris, Esq;  
Abraham Belknap, Esq.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. Joseph Olney.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Edward Bosworth,  
Mr. Moses Tyler.*

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

**I** *It is Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Continental Agent in this State, to supply Major-General *Lincoln* with such Continental Stores as are in his Custody, and are necessary for the Troops under the Command of the said Major-General *Lincoln*. *D. Tillinghast* requested to supply Major-General *Lincoln's* Troops.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, That *James Joseph Halleen*, a French Gentleman, now in this State, hath purchased a Schooner, which is now within this State, and is desirous of proceeding with her to one of the French West-India Islands : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That he be permitted to proceed with said Vessel, manned only with Frenchmen, on said Voyage ; and that he take on board Hoops, Shingles, and two Hundred shaken Casks, under the Direction of his Honor the Governor. *J. J. Halleen* to proceed to the West-Indies with Lumber, &c.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for distributing Proclamations for a Fast, throughout the County of *Bristol*, for his Service in going upon *Prudence* to get off Stock, and for warning the Members of the Upper House in said County to sit in General Assembly : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That two Pounds, five Shillings, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General Treasury. *R. Smith* allowed £. 2 5.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Channing* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in attending as Assistant Clerk, at several Sessions of Assembly : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, nineteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General Treasury. *W. Channing* allowed £. 5 19 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Hubbard* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying a Warrant to Col. *Brown* at *West-Greenwich*, to call together his Regiment, in Consequence of an Alarm : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being thirteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Hubbard*, out of the General Treasury. *T. Hubbard* allowed 13/6.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences, in attending at several Sessions of Assembly, *J. Lyndon* allowed £. 6 or.

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Assembly, as Clerk of the Lower House ; and for Cash paid *Nathaniel Whiting*, for removing the Records of the Inferior Court of the County of *Newport*, from *Middletown* to *Warren* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being six Pounds, six Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Harding* allowed £. 2 14.

**WHEREAS** Mr. *Stephen Harding* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Boston*, by Order of his Honor the Governor : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Harding*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. Mumford* allowed £. 3 13 6.

**WHEREAS** *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; one of the standing Committee of Audit, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in attending the Assembly at *Little-Rest* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that three Pounds, thirteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Gifford* to proceed with a Flag to *Rhode-Island*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Capt. David Gifford* be permitted to proceed with a Flag of Truce to *Rhode-Island*, under the Direction of his Honor the Governor, upon his procuring three Prisoners of War to exchange for three Soldiers lately belonging to his Company, and now detained as Prisoners on said Island.

*B. Medbury* allowed £. 2.

**WHEREAS** Mr. *Benjamin Medbury* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in notifying the Members of the General Assembly in the County of *Providence*, to convene at *East-Greenwich*, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that two Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Medbury*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Carter* allowed £. 30 10.

**WHEREAS** Mr. *John Carter* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing a Number of Proclamations for a Fast, and publishing the same in the Gazette, for publishing and advertising sundry Acts of Assembly, for printing a Number of Inlistments and Handbills, and for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly

sembly for *January* and *February* Sessions: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being thirty Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Inhabitants of *Point-Judith* and *Boston-Neck* forthwith remove the Grain and one eighth Part of the Hay from said *Point-Judith* and *Boston-Neck*, to such Places as the Commanding Officers, who are there stationed, shall direct; and that they remove their Stock upon the Approach of the Enemy, to such Places as their Hay shall be removed to; any Resolve of this Assembly, to the Contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

Inhabitants of *Point-Judith* and *Boston-Neck* to remove their Grain, Hay, &c.

BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, to wit:

*Oliver Spink*, Ensign of the first Company of Militia, in *Exeter*, in the Room of *Henry Reynolds*, who refused. Officers chosen for the Militia.

*Phineas Kinyon*, Captain of the third Company of Militia in *Exeter*, in the Room of *Daniel Barber*, who refused to sign the Test.

*Azariah Crandall*, Lieutenant of said Company, in the Room of *Phineas Kinyon*, advanced.

*Robert Potter*, Ensign of the first Company of Militia in the Town of *Johnston*, in the Room of *James Fenner*, removed out of Town.

*Thomas Clarke*, Major of the second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

*Smith Bowen*, Lieutenant of the Company of Militia in the Town of *Warren*, in the Room of *John Ormshee*, who has left the Government.

*Curtis Cole*, Ensign of said Company, in the Room of *Smith Bowen*, advanced.

*Peter Wright*, Captain, and } of the first Company in  
*Sylvester Peirce*, Ensign, } *North-Kingstown*.

*Asaph Bennet*, Captain of the fourth Company of Militia in the Town of *Coventry*, in the Room of *Joseph Whipple*, who hath resigned.

*Samuel Parker*, Ensign of said Company, in the Room of *Asaph Bennet*, advanced.

*Benjamin Tallman*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment in the Brigade ordered to be raised at the last Session, in the Room of Col. *John Cook*, who has resigned. Officers for the Brigade.

*Christopher Smith*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of said Regiment.

*Cyprian Sterry*,  
*Reuben Wightman*, } Captains in Col. *Tallman's* Regiment.

*James Albro*, (in the Room of *George* )

*Thurston*, jun. who has resigned)

*Josiah Gibbs*, (in the Room of *William Roy*, who has resigned) } Captains in Colonel *Stanton's* Regiment.

*Benjamin West*,

*Nathaniel Hawkins*,

Clerk of the  
Inferior Court  
for the County  
of *Newport*, to  
remove the Re-  
cords from  
*Warren* to some  
safer Place.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *Newport*, be, and he is hereby, directed to remove the Records, Files, &c. of said Court, from *Warren* (where they now are) to some safer Place, farther distant from *Rhode-Island*, as soon as conveniently may be, agreeable to such Advice as shall be given him by the Deputies of the Town of *Warren*.

*J. Angell* to  
furnish the  
Troops with  
25 Cords  
Wood, in full  
of his Propor-  
tion.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That twenty-five Cords of Wood be the Proportion of that Article to be furnished by *James Angell*, Esq; for the Use of the Troops now in the Town of *Providence*; and upon his delivering that Quantity, that he be excused from any further Demands for Wood for the Purpose aforesaid, until the other Owners of Wood, in the Vicinity of said Town, have furnished in the same Proportion; and that what he has already delivered for the Use of said Troops, be considered as part of his Proportion as aforesaid.

Act for retain-  
ing Provisions,  
&c. in this  
State, repealed.

**WHEREAS** the Council of War, on the twenty-first Day of *December* current, passed a Resolve for retaining the Provisions suitable for the Army, and the Rum and other spiritous Liquors (Wine only excepted) within the Town of *Providence*: And whereas it is found that said Resolve hath been attended with many Inconveniences; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, repealed.

Explanation of  
an Act forming  
the Alarm List  
into Compa-  
nies.

**WHEREAS** the Act made and passed at the last Session of this Assembly, permitting and directing the Alarm List or Men to form themselves into Companies, choose their own Officers, and that their Officers should rank as those of the Independent Companies, may admit of various Constructions: Wherefore, to prevent any Uneasiness or Difficulty arising on that Account, *Resolved*, That it was and now is the Meaning and Intention of this Assembly, that the Officers of said Companies, in all Courts-Martial and Councils of War, shall hold the Rank of like Officers in the Independent Companies; that at all Times of general Alarm, and on general Field-Days, they be under the Command and Direction of the Field-Officers of the Regiments within whose Districts they respectively live, and that at all other Times they are to meet with and be under the Command of the Officers of their own Companies.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That until the Alarm Men in each Town have formed themselves into Companies, as aforesaid, and elected their Officers, and returned their Names to the Governor, in order to be commissioned, they be under the Command of their respective Militia Officers, in the same Manner they were before the Passing of the said Act, any Thing therein contained to the Contrary notwithstanding.

*AND*



*AND it is further Resolved*, That there shall be thirty-two Men at the least (exclusive of Officers) in order to entitle them to the Privileges of a separate Company ; and that this Act be printed, and a Copy thereof sent by the Secretary to each Town-Clerk in the State, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Fenner* exhibited unto this Assembly *J. Fenner* an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, <sup>allowed £. 2 5.</sup> Horse-hire and Expences, in numbering the Inhabitants of the Town of *Johnston* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, five Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Fenner*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Thomas Wells*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly *T. Wells* an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, <sup>allowed £. 3 12.</sup> Horse-hire and Expences, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Hopkinton* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that three Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Wells*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Shearjashub Bourn*, Esq; laid before this Assembly *S. Bourn* an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in <sup>allowed £. 1 16.</sup> taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Bristol* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Shearjashub Bourn*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Peirce* exhibited unto this Assembly *G. Peirce* an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, <sup>allowed £. 3 3.</sup> Horse-hire and Expences, in numbering the Inhabitants of the Town of *Exeter* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that three Pounds, three Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *George Peirce*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; laid before this Assembly *B. Underwood* an Account, by him charged against the State, for his <sup>allowed £. 0 18,</sup> Service and Horse-hire, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in *Jamestown* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Underwood*, out of the General Treasury.

December, 1776.

General Treas-  
urer to hire  
£. 40,000.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds be hired by this State, for the Use thereof; that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to give his Notes therefor; that no Sum less than ten Pounds be received, or Note given therefor; that said Notes run payable to or Order, within two Years from the Date, with Interest at Six per Cent per Annum, until paid. And for the punctual Payment of said Notes, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will, within the Term of two Years, assess and levy upon the ratable Estates and Polls of the Inhabitants within the same, or upon such Parts thereof, as a Tax may practicably be laid, a sufficient Sum or Sums, to pay the same, with the Interest: And that, if it shall appear impracticable to levy any Tax therefor, within said Time, the Possessors of said Notes shall be entitled, after the Time limited for the Payment thereof, to receive such Interest as shall then be the usual Interest allowed by the *United States* in general.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Form of the Notes be as follows, viz,

State of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations.

By Virtue of an Act of said State, and as General Treasurer thereof, for Value received, I promise to pay or Order Pounds, lawful Money, within two Years from the Date hereof, with Interest at Six per Cent. per Annum for the same, until paid. Witness my Hand, this Day of A. D. 177

Committee to  
inquire into  
the Allowance  
of Provisions  
to the Conti-  
nental Troops.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Daniel Rodman, and Jabez Bowen, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to inquire of the Commissaries, now here from the Neighbouring States, the Allowance of Provision and Necessaries to the Soldiers in the Continental Service, and that they make report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. Congdon 3d.  
allowed £. 3  
19.

WHEREAS Mr. James Congdon, the Third, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to carry a Letter to Governor Trumbull, by Order of this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said James Congdon, the 3d. out of the General Treasury.

W. W. Pollock  
allowed £. 2  
13.

WHEREAS Mr. William Willson Pollock exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences, and the Ride of his Horse, in carrying Orders to the Captains in Colonel Sand's Regiment, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount

Amount thereof, being two Pounds, thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Willson Pollock*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Stevens* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying Warrants from his Honor the Governor, to the several Colonels of Militia in the County of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Stevens*, out of the General Treasury. *W. Stevens* allowed £. 2 14.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Martin Seamans* and *Theodore Foster* laid before this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Time and Horse-hire, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that three Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Martin Seamans* and *Theodore Foster*, out of the General Treasury. *M. Seamans* and *T. Foster* allowed £. 3 14.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Rodman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *New-London*, to negotiate an Exchange of Prisoners, and for the Expences of Col. *Church*, who was also appointed for that Purpose: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, eighteen Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury. *D. Rodman* allowed £. 5 18 4.

WHEREAS the said *Daniel Rodman* laid before this Assembly another Account, charged by him against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express toward *New-London*, to watch the Enemy's Fleet, and for the Hire of *Robert Potter's* Horse, made Use of for that Purpose and charged to him: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury. *D. Rodman* allowed £. 4 2.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Turner Miller* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time in taking the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Warren*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Turner Miller*, out of the General Treasury. *W. T. Miller* allowed £. 1 10;

*E. Westcott* allowed £. 3.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ephraim Westcott* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Town of *Coventry*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ephraim Westcott*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Stevens* allowed £. 2 16.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Stevens* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to *Newport*, and from thence to *William Potter's*, Esq; in *South-Kingstown*, to notify the Committee, appointed to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, to meet at *Providence* in *September* last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that two Pounds, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Stevens*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Stevens* allowed £. 5 14.

WHEREAS the said *William Stevens* presented unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *Lebanon*, and from thence to *Hartford*, on Express from his Honor the Governor, to Governor *Trumbull*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Stevens*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Stevens* allowed £. 3 10.

WHEREAS the said *William Stevens* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express from his Honor the Governor to the General Court at *Boston*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that three Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Stevens*, out of the General Treasury.

*N. Cooke* allowed £. 86 18 4.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Part of the Cargo and sundry Disbursements on the Sloop *Diamond*, fitted out on Account of the Government: And the said Account having been duly examined by Messrs. *Nathaniel Mumford* and *Thomas Greene*, two of the standing Committee of Audit for this State, who reported a Balance of eighty-six Pounds, eighteen Shillings and four Pence, lawful Money, due thereon, to the said *Nicholas Cooke*; which being considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted; and that said Balance

Balance be paid unto the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Rouse J Helme*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in drawing up the Acts and Orders of Assembly for the Press, and attending on the Council of War, as Clerk, and for one Book by him purchased for the Use of said Council of War : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being thirty-two Pounds, thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Rouse J. Helme*, out of the General Treasury.

*R. J. Helme* allowed £. 32 13.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, appointed to superintend the Printing of the Notes, ordered at this Session to be printed.

*J. Clarke* to superintend the Press, in printing the Notes, &c.

WHEREAS *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in superintending the Press, in printing the last Emission of Paper-Bills, ordered by this Assembly to be printed : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that three Pounds, lawful Money, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Clarke*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Clarke* allowed £ 3.

THIS Assembly having requested a Conference with the other States of *New-England*, at *Providence*, who have accordingly appointed Committees, but with other Powers and Authorities than are given by this State, and consisting of a less Number : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon'ble *William Bradford*, Esq; the Hon'ble *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Henry Ward*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to confer with the Committees of the States of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *Connecticut*, and *New-Hampshire*, now convened in this State, upon the Expediency of raising and appointing an Army, for the more immediate Defence of the *New-England* States, against the threatened Invasion, as well as for the more general Defence in the Common Cause, and of such Regulations as may be necessary to support the Credit of our Currencies, to prevent the oppressing the Soldiers, and Inhabitants, by extravagant Prices ; and in general of every Measure, to expedite the raising and appointing an Army, or, necessary for common Defence, and to make Report to this Assembly, of whatever they may judge fit to be done, for Approbation, and that suitable Measures may be pursued thereon, until the whole subject Matter can be laid before the Honorable Congress of the *United States of America*, and Measures taken, and Directions given by them, thereon : And that this Appointment be considered as having been made and taking Place on the Twenty-fifth instant.

Committee to confer with Committees from the other *New-England* States.

WHEREAS

Sundry Articles taken out of a Ferry-Boat, by Part of Col. R. Sands's Regiment, to be sold at Vendue.

WHEREAS Col. *Ray Sands* laid before this Assembly a Memorandum of sundry Effects taken the eighteenth instant, by Capt. *Taylor's* and Lieutenant *Kinyon's* Companies, in his Regiment, out of a Ferry-Boat, which was run aground near the *North-Ferry*, by the Enemy, who were drove off by said Companies, and requested the Orders of this Assembly for making Disposition of the same : Whereupon *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Effects be disposed of at publick Vendue ; and that one Half the Money arising from the Sale of any of the Articles formerly belonging to said Ferry-Boat, be paid to the Owners of said Boat, and the Remainder be distributed to the Persons who captured the same, in the Proportion as is by Law allowed to Officers and Soldiers, for any Vessels and Cargoes that may be captured by them, and duly condemned.

Committee to ascertain the Losses of the Troops on *Jamestown* and *Prudence*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the standing Committee of this State inquire into and ascertain the Losses sustained by any of the Soldiers of this State, on the Islands of *Jamestown* and *Prudence*.

Allowance to *J. Carter*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That eight Pence, lawful Money, be allowed to Mr. *John Carter* for each and every Hundred Bills, by him last printed, in Addition to what has already been allowed him for the same.

BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers for the Brigade ordered at the last Session to be raised, viz.

Officers chosen.

*Cyprian Sterry*, Esq; Major of Brigade.

Officers in Colonel *Tallman's* Regiment.

*Christopher Manchester*, Captain, in the Room of *Cyprian Sterry*, advanced.

*William Sayles*, first Lieutenant in Capt. *Reuben Ballou's* Company, in the Room of *Squire Fiske*, who declines serving.

*Benjamin Steward Wallcutt*, second Lieutenant, and

*Samuel Whipple* Ensign, of said Company.

*David Bacon*, first Lieutenant,

*William Allen*, second Lieutenant,

*Abraham Andrews*, Ensign,

*Walter Channing*, second Lieutenant,

*Daniel Fiske*, Ensign,

*Zadock Williams*, second Lieutenant,

in the Room of *Benjamin Gorton*, who declines,

*Daniel Sheldon*, Ensign,

*Jonathan Maxson*, second Lieutenant,

*Barber Peckham*, Ensign,

*Thomas Swan*, second Lieutenant,

*Thomas Pearce*, Ensign,

*Henry Alexander*, first Lieutenant,

*Daniel Green*, second Lieutenant,

*Joseph Hopkins*, (Son of *Samuel*) Ensign,

} in Capt. *Abimeleck Riggs's* Company.

} in Capt. *Caleb Carr's* Company.

} in Capt. *James Williams's* Company.

} in Capt. *James Parker's* Company.

} in Capt. *Thomas Allen's* Company.

} of Capt. *Reuben Wightman's* Company.

*Walter*

*Walter Palmer*, first Lieutenant, } of Capt. *Christopher*  
*Robert Rogers*, second Lieutenant, } *Manchester's* Com-  
*Joshua Babcock* the 2d. Ensign, } pany.  
*Benjamin Stelle*, Adjutant.  
*John Handy*, Quarter-Master.

Officers in Colonel *Stanton's* Regiment.

*Matthew Randall*, second Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Thomas Thomp-*  
*Daniel Stafford*, Ensign, } *son's* Company.  
*James Cotterell*, Ensign in Capt. *Royzel's* Company.  
*Job Greene*, second Lieutenant } in Capt. *Malachi Ham-*  
*William Whipple*, Ensign, } *met's* Company.  
*John Cole*, first Lieutenant, in the Room }  
of *Beriah Lewis*, who declines serving, } in Capt. *James*  
*Francis Willet Gardner*, second Lieutenant, } *Albro's* Com-  
*Joseph Manchester*, Ensign, } pany.  
*Gabriel Allen*, first Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Peleg Slocum's*  
*David Bentley*, second Lieutenant, } Company.  
*Nathan Westcott*, Ensign, }  
*Philip Traflen*, first Lieutenant, } of Capt. *Josiah Gibb's*  
*Isaac Johnston*, second Lieutenant, } Company.  
*George Briggs*, Ensign, }  
*Joseph Springer*, first Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Benjamin*  
*Charles Dyre*, second Lieutenant, } *West's* Company.  
*Afa Kenna*, Ensign, }  
*John Pearce*, first Lieutenant, } in Capt. *Nathaniel*  
*Edward Coleman*, second Lieutenant, } *Hawkins's* Com-  
*Joseph Rhodes*, Ensign, } pany.  
*Jonathan Deval*, jun. Adjutant,  
*Solomon Townsend*, jun. Quarter-Master.

Officers to command the several Companies, in the Regiment  
of the Train of Artillery.

Captain *Joshua Sayer's* Company.

*Nathaniel Gladding*, Captain-Lieutenant,  
*Rhodes Packard*, first Lieutenant,  
*William Ham*, second Lieutenant,  
*Edward Price*, Lieutenant-Fireworker.

Capt. *Jabez Westcott's* Company.

*Philip Morse*, Captain-Lieutenant,  
*Thomas Carlile*, first Lieutenant,  
*Ezekiel Burkett*, second Lieutenant,  
*Cyrus Manchester*, Lieutenant-Fireworker.

Captain *Samuel Sweet's* Company.

*John Warner*, Captain-Lieutenant,  
*William Comstock*, first Lieutenant,  
*Elijah Bobbit*, second Lieutenant,  
*William Page*, Lieutenant-Fireworker.

## Captain Gideon Westcott's Company.

*Samuel Angell*, Captain-Lieutenant,

*Amos Jilson*, first Lieutenant,

*Uriah Westcott*, second Lieutenant,

*Benjamin Bickford*, Lieutenant-Fireworker.

## Captain Ebenezer Adams's Company.

*John Garzia*, Captain-Lieutenant,

*Joseph Crandall*, first Lieutenant,

*John Proud*, second Lieutenant,

*William Fiske*, Lieutenant-Fireworker.

*William Donnison*, Adjutant.

*George Richards*, Quarter-Master.

No Money to be paid out of the Treasury without Order. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That, in future, no Money be paid out of the General Treasury of this State, to any Person, unless he produces an Order therefor from this Assembly, or from the Council of War, appointed to act in the Recess thereof.

Artillery Officers to be quartered. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Joseph Lawrence* procure suitable Quarters for the Officers of the Artillery Company, from the Town of *Boston*, now in this Town.

Committee to fix two Fire-ships. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Joseph Brown* and Capt. *Silas Talbot* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, forthwith to procure two suitable Vessels for Fireships, and fix the same in the best Manner, as soon as may be, and that when fixed they be under the Command of the said *Silas Talbot*.

Governor to issue his Orders that the military Laws, now in Force, be strictly complied with. *RESOLVED*, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to his Honor the Governor, That he immediately issue his Orders, as Commander in Chief of this State, to all Field-Officers within the same, commanding and strictly enjoining them to cause the military Laws and Regulations, now in Force, to be punctually executed and obeyed in their respective Regiments: That in so doing they shall be supported by the Authority of this State; and that any Field-Officer neglecting or refusing his Duty in this Respect, shall be answerable for such Neglect or Refusal, in manner as by said Laws and Regulations is prescribed and directed.

Colonel Sayles's Regiment dismissed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Officers of Col. *Sayles's* Regiment be dismissed: That the Soldiers thereof be permitted to enlist into the Regiments last ordered by this State, and receive the Bounty allowed them: That those Soldiers of Col. *Sayles's* Regiment, who may not enlist a-new, be turned over to the last Regiments ordered, in equal Proportions, till the three Months they enlisted for shall be expired: And that this Resolve be in Force in ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, General Treasurer to supply Mr. *Joseph Brown* with any Sum, not exceeding one Thousand Pounds, when *J. Brown* with £. 1000. called for, till the further Order of this Assembly, or the Council of War, for the Purpose of preparing two Fireships.

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**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That all male Persons subject by Law to bear Arms, whether of the Militia, Alarm List or Independent Companies, within this State, be draughted in three Divisions, under the Direction of the Field-Officers of each Regiment, or Commanders of each Company ; and that those of the Militia or Alarm List of each Division be formed into Companies, to be commanded by Officers draughted in like Manner for each Division ; and those of Independent Companies, by Officers draughted from their respective Companies, for each Division ; and that the Draught of every Division as aforesaid be made by the respective Field-Officers, and Commanders of Independent Companies, on *Monday* the sixth Day of *January* next.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That immediately upon said Draught being completed, the Field-Officers and Commanders as aforesaid shall cause the first Division to be formed into Companies, apportion to each their proper Officers, and cause them to march, as soon as possible, to such Place or Places for Duty, as the Governor or Commander for the Time being shall direct ; and that thereupon those of the several Regiments and Companies aforesaid, now in actual Service, and not draughted in the first Division, as aforesaid, shall be dismissed.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Division on actual Duty shall be relieved monthly, in the Order they shall be drawn out, by the other Divisions ; and that the Field-Officers and Commanders aforesaid be, and they are hereby, directed to cause the Relief to be made and done punctually, at the Time each Division shall have completed its monthly Round of Duty.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the proper Officers of each Regiment or Company shall cause the Fine of *five Pounds*, lawful Money, to be immediately exacted and collected, from all Persons in each Division, who, when called out to Duty, shall be unprovided with Arms and Accoutrements by Law required, except such Persons as the Town-Council of each Town shall adjudge and return as unable to furnish themselves therewith.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That in case any Officer or Soldier, in each Division, draughted as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to appear at Time and Place ordered by his respective superior Officer

Officer or Commander, either by himself or a good able-bodied and suitable Person in his Stead, to enter upon and perform such military Duty as shall be enjoined him, he shall be subjected to and pay such Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, as the military Laws and Regulations of this State direct in Cases of general Alarm.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Pay of each private Soldier, in Service as aforesaid, shall be *two Shillings per Day* ; and that the Pay of the several Officers be in the same Proportion, according to their several Ranks and Stations, as regulated by the Laws for paying the Militia when in actual Service ; and that the said Officers and Soldiers shall, when in actual Service, be allowed and draw the same Rations as those of the standing Regiments, in the Service of this State.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Town-Councils of each Town furnish such Persons as they shall certify to be unable to furnish themselves, with Arms, Blankets and Accoutrements, as by Law required ; and that the same be paid out of the General Treasury.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Colonel, or Commanding Officer of each Regiment or Company, as aforesaid, and the Town-Clerks in the several Towns within this State, be immediately furnished by the Secretary with a Copy hereof.

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Form of the Treasurer's Notes altered. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Form of the Treasurer's Notes, to be given for the Money ordered at this Session to be hired, be varied, and that instead of Pounds, they be given for Dollars ; and that no Note be given for a less Sum than Thirty Dollars.

C. Child to receive out of the Treasury £. 161 9 2. WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Materials by him provided for, and for Labour done on, the flat-bottomed Boats he was ordered to build for the Service of Government : And the same being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of said Account, being one Hundred and sixty-one Pounds, nine Shillings, and two Pence, lawful Money, be allowed to the said *Cromel Child* ; and that the Council of War, in the Recess of this Assembly, give him an Order on the General Treasurer for the same, as soon as eight Field-Carriages in the Town of *Warren* are finished.

B. Mumford allowed £. 5 17. WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going from *Newport* to *Col. Noyes* at *Westerly*, by Order of *John Collins*, Esq; and for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in riding two Journeys from

from *Newport* to *Providence*, by Order of Col. *Cook* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that five Pounds, seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Pay of the Privates, in the Regiment of Artillery now raising, for the Defence of this State, be at eleven Dollars per Month. Pay of the Privates, in the Artillery.

Upon the Motion of Col. *Henry Babcock*, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Actions brought by Col. *George Irish*, against him, and now pending at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of *Providence*, be continued until the further Order of this Assembly, and that no Cost be taxed in the mean Time, the said *Babcock* agreeing not to institute any Suit or Action against the said *Irish*, while said Suits are so suspended : And Whereas there are many Petitions before this Assembly, which have not been heard, occasioned by the Attention this Assembly have been necessitated to pay to publick Affairs, and it being unreasonable that either Party should sustain any Cost thereby : *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That no Cost be taxed on any of said Petitions, from the Session of Assembly at which they were lodged, until the same be heard. G. Irish's Actions against H. Babcock continued. No Cost to be taxed on any Petitions, from the Time they were lodged, until the same are heard.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw out of the General Treasury the Sum of One Thousand Pounds. lawful Money. J. Smith to draw £. 1000 out of the Treasury.



AN ACT establishing and regulating a General Hospital, for the Use of the Army within this State. Act establishing and regulating a Hospital, within this State

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That a Director and Proveditor be appointed, to establish a General Hospital or Hospitals, as he shall judge necessary for the Service ; and supply and provide Medicines and Instruments therefor, and appoint the Stewards and Nurses, and their Number *pro re nata*, and make every other Provision appertaining to that Department.

*It is further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That an Hospital Surgeon be appointed, whose Business will be to superintend and take Care of all the Sick and Wounded in the Hospital or Hospitals, to receive the weekly Returns from the Regimental Surgeons, of all unfit for Duty in their respective Regiments, in Barracks or Tents, and to make regular, weekly Returns, to the Commander in Chief, of the same, together with

with those unfit for Duty in the Hospital or Hospitals, that the exact State of the Army, in that Respect, may be known at all Times.

*It is further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That Regimental Surgeons be appointed to each Regiment: That the Director and Hospital Surgeon, or either of them, have Power to examine, approbate and appoint the several Hospital and regimental Mates, and so many, from Time to Time, as they shall judge necessary for the Service: And that the Director have one Mate-Assistant of his own Appointment.*



BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

*Daniel Cabonne, Esq;* one of the Council of War.

*Doctor Jonathan Arnold,* Director and Proveditor of the General Hospital or Hospitals, to be established in this State.

*Isaac Center,* Hospital Surgeon.

*Stephen Wigner,* Surgeon of Col. Tallman's Regiment.

*Joseph Joslyn,* Surgeon of Col. Stanton's Regiment.

*Jesse Maxson, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the first Regiment of Militia, in the County of King's County, in the Room of *Joseph Stanton, Esq.*

*Thomas Sheffield, Esq;* Major of said Regiment, in the Room of *Jesse Maxson,* advanced.

*Thomas Potter, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the second Regiment of Militia, in *King's-County.*

*Asa Masxon,* Ensign of the third Company of Militia in *Westerly.*

*Vial Allen,* Captain of the Company of Militia in *Barrington,* in the Room of *Thomas Allin.*

*Daniel Kinnicutt,* Lieutenant of said Company, in the Room of *Vial Allen,* advanced.

*James Martin,* Ensign of said Company, in the Room of *Daniel Kinnicutt,* advanced.

*Timothy Larcher,* Lieutenant,

*Lewis Larcher,* Master,

*William Davenport,* Quarter-Master,

} of the Row-Galley *Washington.*

*J. Greenman* allowed 20s. monthly, to commence from the 11th November, 1776.

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Greenman,* a Soldier in the Service of this State, preferred his Petition, setting forth, That some Time in *August* last he preferred a Petition to this Assembly, representing that he was wounded in striving for the Liberties of his Country, at which Time he was ordered to be continued in Service, until the Time of his Inlistment expired; and further represented to this Assembly, that he is now and has for some Time been dismissed from the Service, and by being wounded is rendered incapable of supporting his Family, having a Wife

Wife and five small Children to maintain ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as they shall think him worthy of :

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That twenty Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid monthly, to the said *Job Greenman*, from and after the eleventh Day of *November*, A. D. 1776, out of the General Treasury, until further Orders from this Assembly.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Joseph Stanton*, jun. have Liberty to draw One Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for paying the Bounty allowed to the Soldiers, who shall enlist into the Regiments ordered by this Assembly to be raised. *J. Stanton, jun. to draw £. 1000.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, be, and hereby is, empowered to draw out of the General Treasury the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds, lawful Money. *J. Northup to draw £. 600.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Sylvester Gardner* be, and he is hereby, appointed to supply the Wood necessary for the Use of the Troops in the County of *King's-County*. *S. Gardner to furnish Wood to the Troops in King's County.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peter Phillips*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw Three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury. *P. Phillips to draw £. 300.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Tunis Montayne*, of the Island of *Bermudas*, be permitted to purchase a Vessel within this State, to proceed to said Island of *Bermudas* ; and that he have Liberty to take with him his two Apprentices and Negro Boy, and as much Provision as will be necessary for said Voyage, under the Direction of Mr. *Jacob Greene*. *T. Montayne permitted to proceed to Bermuda.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* be, and he is hereby, appointed to purchase a sufficient Quantity of Hay for the Use of the Horses and Cattle, now in the Town of *Providence*, in the Service of this State, for one Week. *J. Smith to purchase Hay.*

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to inquire into the Allowance of Provisions and Necessaries to the Soldiers, in the Continental Service, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

RATIONS established by the Continental Congress, with Variations made by *Peter Phillips* and *Jabez Bowen*, Esqrs. and approved by the Honorable the Commissioners of the four New-England States : *Viz.* Allowance of Provisions, to the Troops in this State.

One Pound of wheat Bread, or one Pound of Flour, or one Pound and an Half of brown Bread, per Man, per Day. One

One Pound and a Quarter of Beef, or one Pound of Pork, per Man, per Day.

Or, one Pound of Beef and one Pound of Pork, for two Days,

Three Pints of Beans or Peas, per Man, per Week.

Eight Pounds of hard Soap, per Hundred Men, per Week, } *N. B. This includes Guards, &c.*  
Six Pounds Candles, per Hundred Men, per Week, }

One Quart of Beer per Day, per Man, or nine Gallons of Molasses, or three Quarters of a Hundred of Sugar, per Hundred Men, per Week, or in Lieu thereof one Jill of Rum, per Man, per Day.

Six Ounces of Butter per Man, per Week, or the real Price in Cash.

One Jill of Rice, or one Pint of *Indian Meal* per Man, per Week.

Half a Jill of Rum per Man, per Day, when on Fatigue.

Two Quarts of Salt for every Hundred Pounds of fresh Beef served out.

Vinegar occasionally.

Submitted by your humble Servants,  
*Peter Prillips,* } Committee.  
*Jabez Bowen,* }

**AND** the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted: That the above and foregoing Regulation be, and the same is hereby, approved of and established, as the Rations to be allowed to the Troops raised within this State; any other Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

*N. Kinyon* to be cited to appear at the next Session of Assembly, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Simeon Clarke* be requested to give Notice to Mr. *Nathan Kinyon* to attend the next Session of this Assembly, to answer the Complaint of Lieutenant *John Clarke*; and that he also cite the said *John Clarke* to attend, at the same Time, with such Evidences as he shall see fit to bring with him, to support his Complaint.

*J. Congdon* 3d. appointed one of the Committee of Safety, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *James Congdon* the Third be, and he is hereby, appointed one of the Committee of Safety, in the Room of Col. *Joseph Stanton, jun.* and that the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* be, and he is hereby, empowered to apply the Money, in his Hands, belonging to this State, to the Purpose for which he received it.

*J. Smith* to pay Col. *Bowen* £. 60. to pay the Militia stationed at *Warwick-Neck*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith*, one of the Committee of Safety, furnish Col. *Jabez Bowen* with sixty Pounds, lawful Money, taking his Receipt therefor, to be paid out to the Soldiers of the Militia, in such Proportions as the Commanding Officer, and Captains at *Warwick-Neck*, shall think proper, towards their Pay; and that Abstracts be made out

out by the Captains, as soon as may be, and Certified by the Colonels or respective Commanding Officers of the Regiments of Militia, on Duty, within this State, to some certain Time for Payment ; and that Application be made therefor to the Committees of Safety.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Brigadier General *Malmedy* General *Malmedy* be, and he is hereby, empowered to execute all and every <sup>medy to fortify</sup> Plan he shall think necessary, for the Fortifying this State, con- <sup>such Places,</sup> sistent with the Number of Men that this and the other States <sup>within this</sup> have or shall furnish, and to remove the Cannon from such <sup>State, as he shall</sup> Places as he may think are in danger of the Enemy, and <sup>think proper.</sup> to place them at such Places as he shall think proper. That the Generals *Varnum* and *West* be requested to forward such Works, and to afford him all the Assistance in their Power, by Men and otherwise ; that the Cannon he may want be fitted and prepared as soon as possible with such Carriages as he shall require ; and that the Council of War give every necessary Assistance for pursuing such Plan.

BOTH Houses being Resolved in Grand Committee, chose *Thomas Holden* <sup>*T. Holden* cho-</sup> Quarter-Master of the Brigade now raising for <sup>sen Quarter-</sup> the Defence of this State. <sup>Master of the</sup> <sup>Brigade.</sup>

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Surgeon be appointed for <sup>Surgeon to be</sup> the Regiment of the Train of Artillery, now raising for the <sup>appointed for</sup> Defence of this State. <sup>the Train of</sup> <sup>Artillery.</sup>

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, one of the standing <sup>*N. Mumford* al-</sup> Committee of Audit, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, <sup>lowed £. 5 11.</sup> by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire to and Expences at *Providence*, and his Services in examining a Number of Accounts, and for attending on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, eleven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS it is suggested to this Assembly, That, at the late Alarm, when the Militia and Alarm-Men, of this State, <sup>Colonels of</sup> were ordered into Service, many of them neglected or refused <sup>Militia, &c.</sup> to appear, and of those who did appear many absented them- <sup>empowered to</sup> selves without Leave, and deserted the Service ; which Mis- <sup>hold Courts-</sup> conduct is not only of evil Example and destructive of due Order and Discipline, but of the greatest ill Consequence to the General Safety ; and therefore merits a particular Attention : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, advised to issue his Orders, as Commander in Chief of this State, to the Colonels and Field-Officers of each respective Regiment, ordering and directing them to call Courts- <sup>F</sup> <sup>Marital</sup>

Martial within their respective Counties, who shall have before them, hear, try, and pass upon, all Persons within their Regiments, offending as aforesaid, and inflict such Pains and Penalties upon the Offenders, as the said Courts shall judge adequate to their Offences, agreeable to the Martial and Military Laws in Force, in this State, at the Time they committed the same.

Inferior Court,  
in the County  
of Providence,  
revived.

**WHEREAS** the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which was to have been held at *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*, on the Third Monday in *December* current, fell through for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices attending :

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted*, That said Court be revived ; that the Second Monday in *February* next be, and the same is hereby, appointed for holding the said Court at *Providence* : That all Business, either Civil or Criminal, which was to have been heard at said Term, be then and there heard and determined : That all Executions returnable to said Term, be returned into the Clerk's Office of said Court, within ten Days from the Rising of said Court ; in Default whereof, the Parties aggrieved may call Special Courts against either the Sheriff or his Deputy, who shall neglect to return said Executions, in Manner as above directed, in the same Manner as by Law he might, for not making Return of said Executions in due Season, if said Court had sat : And that all Jurors, who were returned to serve at said Term, be notified to attend at the Court now ordered to be held.

**AND** whereas the Answers, which were to have been filed at said Court, were not filed in due Season : *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Answers which were to have been filed at said Court, be filed on the second Day of the Term of holding said Court : And that a Copy of this Act be published in the *Providence Gazette*.

J. Brown to  
purchase war-  
like Stores.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. John Brown be, and he is hereby, empowered to purchase, either at public or private Sale, such and so many of the warlike Stores, taken out of the Prize Ship *Friendship*, as he may think necessary for the Use of this State, if the same shall be sold at reasonable Prices.

J. Arnold, jun.  
to procure  
Field-Carriages  
for the Guns at  
Warwick-Neck.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That James Arnold, jun. Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to procure two Field-Carriages, to be made for the two Guns now at *Warwick-Neck*, and that he have Liberty to employ any Persons of the Militia, that may be called into actual Service, to execute that Business.

Members of  
the Assembly  
allowed Wages.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That from and after the twenty-ninth



ninth Day of *December*, A. D. 1776, the Sum of nine Shillings; lawful Money, be allowed to each of the Members of the Upper and Lower House of Assembly, for each Day's Attendance on said Assembly : That upon the Members of the Upper House producing a Certificate from the Secretary, and the Members of the Lower-House from the Clerk of said House, of the Number of Days of their Attendance, to the General Treasurer, that he pay for each Day's Attendance, at the Rate aforesaid, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Glazier* be, and he is hereby, appointed forthwith to make a Field-Carriage, for the nine Pound Cannon now at *East-Greenwich*. *J. Glazier to make a Field-Carriage, for the Cannon at East Greenwich.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathan Miller* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw Three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury ; one Half thereof to be paid in Notes, and the other Half in Bills heretofore emitted. *N. Miller to draw £. 300 out of the Treasury.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; purchase a suitable Book, for entering the Charges of this State, against the *United States*. *J. Clarke to purchase an Account-Book, for the Use of the State.*

WHEREAS Doctor *Amos Throope* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Mr. *Jacob Greene*, one of the Committee of Safety, for sundry Medicines delivered him for the Use of this State : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, fourteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Amos Throope*, out of the General Treasury. *A. Throope allowed £. 4 14 6.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the standing Committee adjust the Accounts of this State, with the *United States*, up to the first Day of *January*, A. D. 1777, exclusive of the Monies that may be advanced in raising and equipping the three Regiments, ordered to be raised by this Assembly, for fifteen Months ; and that they make Report to the Council of War as soon as may be. *Standing Committee to adjust the Account of this State, against the United States.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Stephen Mumford*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw Seven Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, Three Hundred Pounds thereof to be paid in Notes, and the Remainder in Bills heretofore emitted. *S. Mumford to draw £. 700 out of the General Treasury.*

WHEREAS *James Arnold*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for victualling and keeping the Horses, belonging to one of the Troop of Horse, from *Connecticut*, under the Command of Capt. *Samuel Hall* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is* *J. Arnold, jun. allowed £. 19 11 4.*

*is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being nineteen Pounds, eleven Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Arnold*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Committee of  
Safety, in  
*King's-County*,  
to settle the Bil-  
leting the  
Troops, &c. in  
that County.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety, in the County of *King's-County*, settle the Billeting of the Troops within that County, and the Keeping of the Horses in the Troop stationed within said County ; and that they allow one Shilling and nine Pence per Night, for keeping each Horse.

*D. Tillinghast*  
to furnish  
Troops with  
Clothing.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be recommended to Mr. *Daniel Tillinghast*, Continental Agent within this State, that he furnish the Soldiers, enlisted by Capt. *Jonathan Wallen* into the Continental Service, with the Clothing they may be in immediate Want of : And that Capt. *Wallen* place such of them, as he shall think fit, on board the Continental Frigates, until he is ready to proceed with them to join the Army.

*J. Smith* to pay  
*J. Bates* 60 Dol-  
lars.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* pay to *John Bates* sixty Dollars for a Marc, purchased of him for the Use of this State.

Committee to  
inquire what  
Towns were  
deficient in rais-  
ing their Quo-  
tas of Men, in  
the three  
Months Regi-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Belcher*, *John Mather*, *Daniel Rodman*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esqrs. and Mr. *Nathan Miller*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to inquire what Towns were deficient in raising their Quotas of the Regiment, ordered to be raised from the Militia for three Months, and the Causes of such Deficiency, and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*B. Larned* al-  
lowed £. 45 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Larned* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time, Horse-hire and Expences, of himself and eight Men, and their Horses, who went with him as a Guard to remove ten Prisoners to *Worcester* Gaol, by Virtue of a Warrant from his Honor the Governor ; and for the Expences of victualling and lodging said Prisoners on the Road : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being forty-five Pounds, six Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Larned*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Brown* al-  
lowed £. 438  
8 4 ½.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Brown* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged for Provisions, Liquors, and sundry other necessary Articles, by him supplied for the Use of the Troops stationed within this State : And the said Account having been duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* and *Thomas Greene*, Esq; two of the standing Committee of Audit for this State, who reported the Sum of Four Hundred and thirty-eight Pounds, eight Shillings, and four Pence, Halfpenny, due

due thereon, to the said *John Brown*: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *John Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of Safety, within the Counties of *Providence, Kent and Bristol*, pay for the Keeping of the Horses belonging to the Troop, within their respective Counties, at the following Rates, to wit: Two Shillings, and six Pence, for each Horse per Night, in the Town and County of *Providence*, and in the Counties of *Kent and Bristol*, two Shillings. Allowance for keeping the Horses, belonging to the Troop, and the Committees of Safety to pay the same.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw Fifteen Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury. *J. Smith* to draw £. 1500 out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Director and Proveditor of the Hospital, within this State, be allowed sixty-five Dollars per Month, and six Rations per Day. Allowance to the Director of the Hospital.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That every Member of either House of Assembly, who shall leave the House after Business is begun, without Leave of the House therefor, shall forfeit the Whole of his Wages that shall accrue to him at the same Session. Members leaving the Assembly, without Leave, to forfeit their Wages.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Caleb Harris*, Esq; inspect the Powder in the Possession of Mr. *John Waterman*, belonging to this State, and if the same be approved by him, that he remove the same to such Places as he shall think most safe. *C. Harris* to inspect and remove the Powder belonging to this State.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; be appointed to inquire of *William Potter*, Esq; if he has received of Mr. *Silas Niles* the back Rents of the Farm at *Point-Judith*, leased to him by this State, and the Rents due for the other Estates in *King's-County*, leased by this State; and if he has not received the same, and his Health will not admit of his transacting said Business, that the said *Daniel Rodman* be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive the Rents due to this State, from the said *Silas Niles*, and from the other Persons to whom said Estates have been leased, and that he pay the same into the General Treasury. *D. Rodman* to receive the Rents due, from sundry Estates, in *King's-County*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *James Congdon*, the Third, as one of the Committee of Safety, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw One Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, in Notes, he first giving sufficient Security. *J. Congdon*, 3d. to draw £. 1000 out of the Treasury, he first giving Security.

*T. Church* allowed £. 13 9 5.

**WHEREAS** *Thomas Church*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to *Watertown*, on publick Business, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, to *New-London*, as one of the Committee to negotiate an Exchange of Prisoners, and for Cash paid *Jonathan Brooks* for his Time and Expences, as an Express from *New-London* to *East-Greenwich*, to give Information of the Arrival there of a Flag from Lord *Howe*. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That thirteen Pounds, nine Shillings, and five Pence, of said Account, and no more, be allowed, and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Thomas Church*, out of the General Treasury.

Recommendation of the Committee of the *New-England* States, respecting further Emissions of Paper Bills, approved.

**WHEREAS** the Committee from the several *New-England* States, now convened in the Town of *Providence*, have recommended to the said States, that no further Emissions of Paper-Money Bills be made, but that the several Treasuries be supplied by Taxes, and by borrowing the necessary Sums, to be repaid in three Years or sooner from their Date, with an Interest not exceeding five per Cent. per Annum; unless upon a critical Contingency, there may be an absolute Necessity of an immediate Supply, and the Money cannot be procured upon Loan; in which Case it is recommended that Bills be emitted, redeemable in three Years or sooner, with an Interest of four per Cent. per Annum; and that the State emitting the same, notify the other States of such Emission; and also that the several States forthwith levy such Taxes upon the Inhabitants as their Abilities will bear; and that the several States call in the Bills of Credit, at the Expiration of the Periods for which they were severally emitted, in the best Manner they can devise, to give a reasonable and just Satisfaction to the Possessors of the Bills. Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Recommendation be, and the same is hereby, approved; and that this State will, to the utmost of their Power, make the same the Rule of their Conduct in future, in supplying the Treasury of this State, and for supporting, in the most effectual Manner, the Credit of the Paper Bills.

Judge of the maritime Court empowered to appoint a Special Sheriff.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Judge of the Court, erected for the Trial of maritime Causes, be, and he is hereby, empowered to appoint a suitable Person, who shall be, and he is hereby, fully empowered to attend upon said Court, in the Capacity of Special Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, at the Court this Day appointed to be held in said Town of *Providence*, and until the Causes then and there appointed to be tried shall be heard and determined, with full Power to impanel a Jury for the Trial of said Causes; and in general to do, act and transact, every other Matter and Thing, by Order of said Court, which the Sheriff might do if present.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit, to the Continental Congress, the Account of this State, against the Continent ; and request that, for the Balance, an Order be drawn by the Congress upon *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; Keeper of their Loan-Office within this State ; and that if the Money be not in said Office, the Congress give Orders to their Keeper of said Office, to issue Notes in Favour of this State, for the Amount of the Balance, upon Interest, at four per Cent. per Annum.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Laffell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for two Loads and three Quarters of Hay, by him supplied for the Use of General *Lincoln's* Baggage-Teams : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being twenty-four Pounds, fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Laffell*, out of the General Treasury.

BOTH Houses, in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

*Benjamin Church*, Captain in Col. *Tallman's* Regiment, in the Room of *Reuben Wightman*, who declined serving.

<i>Amos Whipple</i> , Captain,	} of the third Company of
<i>Nathaniel Gould</i> , Lieutenant,	
<i>Abraham Cook</i> , jun. Ensign,	
	Militia in the Town of
	<i>Cumberland</i> .

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonels, or Commanding Officers of the several Regiments, order the Captains of each Company therein, immediately to see that the Men, belonging to their Companies, are served with seventeen Rounds of Cartridges to each Man, well fitted to his Piece, and that each Man give his Receipt to the Captain therefor ; and that he also provide seventeen Rounds more for each Man, which he shall see well suited to his Piece, as aforesaid, and tied in Bunches, marked with the Name of each Man, which last mentioned Cartridges the Captain of each Company shall keep in his own Possession, and cause them to be carried with their Companies, wherever they shall be ordered to march. That the Colonels or other Commanding Officers apply to the Town-Treasurers of the Towns within their Regiments, for Powder and Lead to make the said Cartridges, giving Receipts for what they shall receive ; and in Case of Deficiency, that they apply to this Assembly, or, in their Recess, to the Council of War of this State, for further Supplies.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; purchase of Col. *Robert Elliott* the Musket-Ball he has to dispose of, for the County of *King's-County* ; and that he be also supplied with

*King's-County* to be supplied with Lead, &c.

six Hundred Weight of Lead, heretofore purchased by this State, for the same County.

*J. Rhodes allowed £: 2 13.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Rhodes* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Victuals, Liquors, Fire and Candles, provided for twelve Prisoners and their Guards, on their Way from *Providence* to *Pawtuxet*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, thirteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Rhodes*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Tillinghast to supply the Brigade.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Daniel Tillinghast*, the Continental Agent within this State, be, and he is hereby, requested to deliver the Arms and Blankets, now in his Possession, belonging to the *United States*, to such Persons as shall have Orders for the same, from the Commanding Officers of the Regiments ordered to be raised by this Assembly for fifteen Months.

*Little-Compton to be supplied with two Field-Pieces, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town of *Little-Compton* be permitted to take two Field-Pieces, mounted on Carriages, one of the smallest, and one six or four Pounder, from *Howland's Ferry*, together with the Accoutrements thereunto belonging, with so many Cartridges as the Commanding Officer there may think proper; and that said Town be accountable therefor to this State: *And it is also further Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Clerk of said Town be, and he is hereby, empowered, to draw Half a Hundred Weight of Powder, and one Hundred and fifty Pounds Weight of Lead, and five Hundred Flints, for the Use of the Soldiers in said Town.

*J. Congdon, 3d. to remove Arms, &c. from Connecticut to King's-County.*

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, That the Arms and Accoutrements, belonging to several Companies in the Regiment under the Command of Colonel *Richmond*, were deposited in the Continental Store in *New-London*, or *Stonington*, in *Connecticut*: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *James Congdon*, the Third, be, and he is hereby, appointed to remove said Arms and Accoutrements from said *Stonington*, or *New-London*, to *Charlestown*, in the County of *King's-County*; that he deliver the one Half thereof to *John Northup*, Esq; and that he retain the Remainder, to be distributed by them among the Troops that may enlist in the Regiments now ordered by this Assembly to be raised.

*E. Butts to be removed to Cumberland.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Enoch Butts* be immediately removed by the Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, or his Deputy, to the Town of *Cumberland*, there to continue at his own Expence, until further Orders from this Assembly, or, in their Recess, from the Council of War: And that if he shall leave

leave said Town, without Permission first had from this Assembly, or, in their Recess, from said Council of War, the Sheriffs and their Deputies within this State are hereby directed forthwith to apprehend and commit him to the Gaol in the County in which he may be apprehended.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. John Smith procure, for the Use of Brigadier-General Malmedy, two convenient Rooms, in the House of the Widow Elizabeth Arnold, and furnish said Rooms with such Furniture as he shall think proper, of the Goods now in his Care, late belonging to Mr. Dudley, and procure such other Articles as he may judge necessary for that Purpose : That he also procure for him the Barn and Stables belonging to said House ; and assign him such Attendants as shall be suitable for doing the Services of the House, and for taking Care of his Horses : And that he furnish the necessary Supplies of Provisions, Fuel and Forage, whenever General Malmedy shall be in Town. *J. Smith to procure Lodgings for General Malmedy.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each of the Members of the Council of War be allowed, in future, nine Shillings for each Day's Attendance, as Members of said Council ; and that upon their producing a Certificate, from the Clerk of said Council, to the Treasurer, of the Number of Days of their Attendance, they be paid at and after the Rate aforesaid, out of the General Treasury. *Allowance to the Members of the Council of War.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Money due from George G. Peckham to Mr. Daniel Hubbard, be paid by the said George Peckham into the General Treasury, and that this Assembly will indemnify him therein. *George Peckham indemnified.*

WHEREAS Mr. James Sumner exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service, as an Engineer, in laying out Lines for the Works of Defence erecting in and about the Town of Providence : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being twelve Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said James Sumner, out of the General Treasury. *J. Sumner allowed £. 12.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. James Sumner be, and he is hereby, appointed an Assistant Engineer within this State, with the Rank, Pay, and Rations, of a Captain, and that he be commissioned accordingly. *J. Sumner appointed Assistant Engineer.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of Safety collect the Guns and Accoutrements, within their respective Districts, belonging to this State, and remove them to Places of Safety ; and that they make Report of the Number of Guns, to this Assembly, at the next Session. *Committees of Safety collect Arms, &c.*

Independent  
Companies to  
draught for  
their Turns, by  
Companies.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That on the Day for draughting the Regiments of Militia, and Independent Companies of this State, into three Divisions, agreeable to an Act passed at this Session, The Commanding Officers of the Independent Companies, in the Town of *Providence*, shall meet together, and draught for their Turns by Companies, and do Duty and relieve each other, in the Order they shall be drawn. And the Commanding Officers of the Independent Companies of *Pawtuxet Rangers*, *Kentish Guards*, and *Kingston Reds*, shall meet on said Day, and draught for Turns, and do Duty by Companies, as those in *Providence*; any Thing contained in the aforesaid Act, to the Contrary, notwithstanding; and that the Commanders of the aforesaid Companies be each furnished with a Copy hereof, immediately.



Act for pre-  
venting Mono-  
polies, and fix-  
ing the Prices  
of Goods, &c.

AN ACT to prevent Monopolies and Oppression, by excessive and unreasonable Prices for many of the Necessaries and Conveniencies of Life, and for preventing Engrossers, and for the better Supply of our Troops in the Army with such Necessaries as may be wanted.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed by the several States of NEW-ENGLAND, and now convened at *Providence*, in the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, for the Purpose of regulating an Army, for supporting the Currency, affixing the Prices of Labour, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, &c. have amongst other Things reported as follows, viz.

“ In COMMITTEE, December 31, 1776.

“ THIS Committee taking into Consideration the unbounded Avarice of many Persons, by daily adding to the now most intolerably exorbitant Price of every necessary and convenient Article of Life, and also the most extravagant Price of Labour in general, which at this Time of Distress, unless a speedy and effectual Stop be put thereto, will be attended with the most pernicious and fatal Consequences, as it not only disheartens and disaffects the Soldiers who have nobly entered into Service for the best of Causes, by obliging them to give such unreasonable Prices for those Things that are absolutely needful for their very Existence, that their Pay is not sufficient to subsist them; but is also very detrimental to the Country in general: Wherefore it is recommended by this Committee, that the Rules and Prices hereafter enumerated be affixed and settled within the respective States in *New-England*, to wit:

“ *Farming Labour*, in the Summer Season, shall not exceed 3s. 4d. per Day, and so in the usual Proportion at other Seasons of the Year; and the Labour of Mechanics and Tradesmen, and other Labour, to be computed according to the Usages



ges and Customs that have heretofore been adopted and practised in different Parts of the several States, compared with Farming Labour.

“ *Wheat.* Good, merchantable Wheat shall not exceed the Price of 7s. 6d. per Bushel, in any Part of the States of *Massachusetts-Bay, New-Hampshire, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*; and 6s. per Bushel in any Part of the State of *Connecticut*.

“ *Rie.* Good, merchantable Rie shall not exceed the Price of 4s. 6d. per Bushel, in any Part of the States of *Massachusetts-Bay, New-Hampshire, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*; and 3s. 6d. per Bushel in the State of *Connecticut*.

“ *Indian Corn.* Good, merchantable *Indian Corn* shall not, in any Part of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, exceed 3s. 4d. per Bushel; in any Part of the State of *Connecticut*, 3s. per Bushel; and in the States of *New-Hampshire and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, 3s. 6d. per Bushel.

“ *Wool.* Good, merchantable Sheep's Wool shall not, in any Part of the States of *Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, exceed 2s. per lb. nor in any Part of the State of *New-Hampshire*, 2s. 2d. per lb.

“ *Pork*, in any Part of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, shall not exceed the following Prices: Swine weighing from 5 to 7 Score, 4d. per lb. from 7 to 10 Score, 4d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; all above 10 Score, 4d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ . In any Part of the State of *Connecticut* it shall not exceed the following Prices: Swine weighing from 5 to 7 Score, 3d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; from 7 to 10 Score, 3d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; all above 10 Score, 3d.  $\frac{1}{8}$ . In any Part of the State of *New-Hampshire*, it shall not exceed the following Prices: Swine weighing from 5 to 7 Score, 4d.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; from 7 to 10 Score, 4d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; all above 10 Score, 5d. In any Part of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, it shall not exceed the following Prices: Swine weighing from 5 to 7 Score, 3d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb. from 7 to 10 Score, 4d. all above 10 Score, 4d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

“ *Beef.* Grass-fed Beef of the best Quality, in any Part of the States of *Massachusetts-Bay, New-Hampshire, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, shall not exceed 3d. per lb. and in the State of *Connecticut*, 24s. per Hundred Weight; and so in that Proportion, in the said several States, for Stall-fed Beef, and likewise Beef of an inferior Quality.

“ *Hides.* Raw Hides shall not exceed 3d. per lb. in any of said States

“ *Salt.* Good, merchantable Salt shall not exceed 10s. per Bushel, in any Part of the aforesaid States.

“ *Rum*

" *Rum.* Good, merchantable *West-India* Rum shall not exceed 6s. and 8d. per Gallon by the Hogshead, 7s. and 8d. by the single Gallon, and 2s. by the Quart; and so in Proportion for smaller Quantities, according to the old and accustomed Usages for retailing smaller Quantities, in any Part of the said State, save allowing 1 Penny per Gallon for every ten Miles the same may be conveyed by Land-Carriage, from the first Port of Delivery, for the Cost, Charge and Risque, in carrying the same. *New-England* Rum of the best Quality shall not exceed 3s. 10d. per Gallon by the Hogshead, 4s. per Gallon by the Barrel, 4s. 6d. by the single Gallon, at the Ports and Places where the same shall be first distilled (exclusive of the Cask) and so in like Proportion for smaller Quantities. 1 Penny per Gallon is allowed for every ten Miles the same may be conveyed by Land-Carriage, from the first Place of distilling, for the Cost and Risque in carrying the same.

" *Sugar.* Best *Muscovado* Sugar shall not exceed 54s. per Hundred Weight, by the Hogshead, 60s. by the single Hundred Weight, and 8d. per lb. at the first Port of Delivery in any of said States; and to allow 9d. per Cwt. for every ten Miles Land-Carriage.

" *Melasses,* of the best Quality, shall not exceed 3s. 4d. by the Hogshead, 3s. 8d. by the Barrel, and 4s. by the single Gallon, at the first Port of Delivery, in any of the said States, allowing 1d. per Gallon for every ten Miles Land-Carriage that the same may be conveyed, as aforesaid.

" *Cheese.* *American* manufactured Cheese shall not exceed 6d. per Pound, in any Part of the said States.

" *Butter.* Butter of the best Quality shall not exceed 10d. per Pound, in any Part of said States.

" *Peas.* Peas shall not exceed 8s. per Bushel, in any Part of the said States.

" *Beans.* Beans of the best Quality shall not exceed 6s. per Bushel, in any Part of the said States.

" *Potatoes,* commonly called *Spanish* Potatoes, of the best Sort, shall not, in the Fall of the Year, exceed 1s. 4d. per Bushel, and not at any other Season of the Year exceed 2s. per Bushel, in any Part of the said States.

" *Stockings.* Men's good Yarn Stockings shall not exceed 6s. per Pair, in any of said States; and so in Proportion for those of an inferior Quality.

" *Shoes.* Men's neat's Leather Shoes, of the best common Sort,

Sort, shall not exceed 8s. per Pair, and other Shoes in Proportion, according to their Quality.

“ *Salted Pork.* Salted Pork by the Barrel, 220lb. Weight in each Barrel, shall not, in the States of *Massachusetts-Bay*, and *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, exceed £. 4 12s. in the State of *Connecticut*, £. 4 4s. and in the State of *New-Hampshire*, £. 5, lawful Money, per Barrel.

“ *Cotton.* Cotton shall not exceed 3s. per Pound, by the Bag, and 3s. 8d. by the single Pound, in any of said States.

“ *Oats.* Good Oats shall not exceed 2s. per Bushel in any of said States.

“ *Flax.* Good, well dressed merchantable Flax shall not exceed 1s. per lb. in the States of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *New-Hampshire*, and *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*; and 10d. per lb. in the State of *Connecticut*.

“ *Coffee.* Good Coffee shall not exceed 1s. 4d. by the single Pound, in any Part of said States.

“ *Tallow.* Good, tried Tallow shall not exceed 7d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb. in any of the said States.

“ *Towcloth.* Good, Yard-wide Towcloth, in the several States, shall not exceed 2s. 3d. per Yard; and other Towcloth in like Proportion, according to the Quality. Coarse Linen to be valued after the Rate and in Proportion to Towcloth, making the reasonable Allowances for the same.

“ *Flannels.* Good, Yard-wide, striped Flannel shall not exceed 3s. 6d. per Yard, in any of the said States; and other Flannels in Proportion, according to their Widths and Qualities; and other Woolen Cloths in like Proportion.

“ **THIS** Committee considering, that Goods in general imported have of late, owing to the unbounded Avarice of some Persons, been sold by Wholesale at the exorbitant Advance of 5 and 600 per Cent. from the prime Cost, and retailed out at the unreasonable Profit of 40 and 50 per Cent. or more, in Addition thereto, which has been the Occasion of great Oppression, especially to the poor Consumer; Do, to correct and rectify such Exorbitances, recommend that, notwithstanding the great Risque of a Voyage to and from *Europe*, the high Rate of Insurance, the Difficulty of procuring Articles suitable for that Market, the Loss upon those exported, the increased Expences and Length of the Voyage, and the real Necessity of importing many Commodities from thence; the Price of European Goods, which have been or shall be imported,

as also all such Goods which have been or shall be brought into any of the said States, in any Prize Vessel, shall not exceed the following Rates, which this Committee is of Opinion will allow but a reasonable Profit to the Adventurer.

“ *Woolen Goods, coarse Linens, Duck, Ticklenburgs, and Oznabrigs*, shall not be sold by Wholesale at a higher Rate than in the Proportion of £. 275 Sterling, for what Cost £. 100 Sterling in *Europe*; and not any other Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, imported from thence, or brought into any Port in said States, in any Prize Vessel, shall be sold at Wholesale at a higher Rate than in the Proportion of £. 250 Sterling, for what Cost £. 100 Sterling, excepting *Warlike and Military Stores*, the Prices of which the Committee is of Opinion ought not to be limited; but the Retailers of such Goods shall not sell them at a higher Advance than 20 per Cent. upon the Wholesale Price.

“ THIS Committee further recommend, that the several Legislative Bodies within the said respective States affix and ascertain the Prices of Wood, Hay, Pine Boards, Plank, Joist, Hoops, Shingles, Charcoal, tanned Leather, Cotton and Linen Cloths, Mutton, Veal, and Flour, and also the Rate of Carting, which can be better done in the several States than by this Committee.

“ IT is further recommended to the respective Legislatures aforesaid, to regulate or prohibit Vendues, and other public Sales, in such Manner as not to interfere with, but so as to enforce the several Regulations recommended as aforesaid.

“ AND it is further recommended to the above-mentioned States, to empower suitable Persons in their respective States to open any Warehouses, Stores, or other Places, where Goods are deposited, which are necessary for the Use of the Army or Navy, and are withheld by Monopolizers, Engrossers, or others; and to take and apply such Goods to the Use aforesaid, paying the Owners thereof at the Rates at which such Goods are hereby valued; and in Case the Goods so taken are not herein rated, at a reasonable Appraisement, to be made by indifferent Persons.”

WHEREFORE, and upon due Consideration had thereon, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, approved and enacted, so far as the Price of Labour, Produce, Goods, Wares, Merchandize and Manufactures, are therein affixed.

AND be it further Enacted, That the following Articles, not therein enumerated, shall not exceed the Prices hereto affixed, to wit :

*Turkies*

*Turkies and Dunghill Fowls*, 4d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb. *Geese*, 3d. per lb. *best Mutton*, 4d. per lb. *best Veal*, 4d. per lb. and other in Proportion to its Quality.

*Dinners at Taverns for Travellers* (not Soldiers) of boiled and roast Meat, with other Articles equivalent, exclusive of Wine, 1s. 6d. *Suppers and Breakfasts*, 1s. each. *Lodging*, 4d.

Good, rough-skinn'd *Potatoes*, 2s. 6d. per Bushel.

*Walnut Wood*, 3s. per Foot. *Oak Wood*, 2s. 6d. per Foot.

*Charcoal*, 4d. per Bushel per Load. *Hard Soap*, 4d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb.

*English Hay*, in Sea-port Markets, for the Use of the Inhabitants or Army, from £. 4 10s. to £. 6. per Ton, according to its Quality. At other Places, for the Uses aforesaid, £. 3 per Ton, with Allowance for carting.

*Teaming Work*. The Teamster finding himself and Cattle, for one Hand, with Cart or Waggon, one Yoke of Oxen, and a good Draught-Horse, or two Yoke of Oxen, 13s. per Day. Teaming to and from Sea-port Markets and for the Army per Ton per Mile, if not more than one Mile, 4s. for every Mile after the first Mile out, 1s. 6d.

*Horse-keeping*, at Sea-port Towns per Night, or 24 Hours, 2s. 6d.

*Horse-shoing*, all round, with Steel Corks, Heel and Toe, 6s. *Ox-shoing*, and other Blacksmith's Work in the same Proportion.

*Horse-hire*, 4d. per Mile.

*Green Calf-skins*, 6d. per lb. and tanned and curried Skins in the same Proportion. *Tanned Hides*, 1s. 4d. per lb.

*Ships Iron-Work*. Weight-work at 3d. per lb. and all light Work in the same Proportion, excepting cast Iron.

*Cotton and Linen Cloth*, middling Quality, Yard-wide, 3s. 8d. per Yard, and other Qualities and Widths in Proportion.

*Boards*. Clear Eastern Pine, £. 6 per Thousand. Merchantable ditto, £. 4 per ditto. Common Country ditto, £. 3 12s. per ditto. Yellow Pine ditto, £. 3 12s. per ditto.

*Oak*. Full Inch Oak Boards, and Joist and Timber, £. 3 per ditto.

*Hoops*. Good Hoghead, £. 4 per ditto.

*Staves*.

*Staves.* White Oak Hoghead, £. 6 per ditto. Ditto red Oak, £. 3 per ditto. White Oak Barrel, £. 4 per ditto. Ditto red Oak, £. 2 per ditto. *Heading*, proportioned in Price to that of Staves.

*Tobacco.* Good, merchantable, well cured Tobacco at 25c. per Cwt. and 4d. per single Pound.

*Men's Leather Breeches*, of the best Sort of Deer's Leather, 42s. per Pair, and Boys and other Leather Breeches at a like Proportion, according to their Quality.

*Cocoa.* Best Cocoa at £. 6 10s. per Cwt. and Chocolate 2s. per single Pound.

*House Carpenters*, finding themselves, 5s. per Day. *Ship-Carpenters*, ditto, 6s. per Day. *Caulkers*, ditto, 7s. per Day. *Masons*, ditto, 6s. 6d. per Day. *Tailors*, making a plain Suit of best Broadcloth Clothes, 24s. and their daily Wages, the Employer finding them, at 3s. per Day. *Trucking*, 1s. 6d. per Hoghead, and other Things in Proportion.

Best *Beaver Hats*, at 42s. Best *Felt Hats*, at 8s.

*Coopers*, finding themselves, 5s. per Day ; setting and finding Hoghead Hoops, 3d. each ; setting and finding Barrel Hoops, 2d. each. *Barbers*, for Shaving, 3d.

*Stone-Lime*, 18s. per Hoghead of one Hundred Gallons, delivered at *Providence*.

*Milk*, from the first of *May* to the first of *November*, at 2d. per Quart, and the other six Months at 3d. per Quart.

WHICH Prices are to be considered as the highest Rates at which any of the before-mentioned Articles are to be sold, or bought, or done, in the several Sea-ports or publick Market-Places ; and in all other Places of this State, the said Articles are to be estimated and rated according to the accustomed Usages, in Proportion to the Prices in Sea-ports and Market Places, as aforesaid, unless where particular Mention is made of a Price at other Places.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, at any Vendue or public Sale, for any saleable Article, give or bid at a greater or higher Price than by this Act is limited, he shall forfeit and pay the Value of said Article, one Half to and for the Use of this State, and the other Half to the Informer, who shall sue for the same, and shall be deemed an Enemy to his Country, and be rendered incapable of sustaining any publick Office.

AND

*AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Person shall refuse to sell any of said Goods, Merchandize, &c. at the Prices by this Act limited, to be paid in the current Paper Bills emitted by the Continental Congress, or this State, and shall afterwards part with such Goods, Merchandize, &c. in Exchange for other Goods, Merchandize, &c. he shall forfeit and pay the Value of such Goods, Merchandize, &c. one Half to and for the Use of this State, and the other Half to the Informer or Prosecutor.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That his Honor the Governor, any and either of the Assistants, Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts, or any two Justices of the Peace, within this State, be, and they are hereby, empowered and directed, that upon Complaint, under Oath, that any Article or Articles of necessary Support, for the Army or Navy, may be wanted, and are withheld by Monopolizers, Engrossers or others, to issue his Warrant to any Sheriff or Deputy-Sheriff, Constable, or Town-Serjeant, to impress and seize the same out of their Hands, and for that Purpose to break open and enter any Warehouses, Stores, or other Places, where such Goods are deposited, and to have the same appraised by two indiffernt, judicious Men, under Oath, appointed for that Purpose, not exceeding the Prices affixed by this Act, which Price so affixed, shall be paid to the Owner or Owners thereof; and that suitable Persons, in Addition to the Commissaries already appointed, be appointed by the Council of War of this State, to furnish and supply the Army raised by this State with Necessaries, upon the most reasonable Terms, agreeable to the Encouragement given by this Assembly; and the Commissaries of this State, and all other Persons, are hereby requested, and strictly enjoined and directed, to make Information against all such Persons as they shall find buying up or engrossing the Articles aforesaid, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of said Act.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That whoever shall contract, or receive for Labour, or vend, sell, or receive for any of the above enumerated Articles, more than at the above Rate or Price thereunto affixed, or for others not enumerated, in an unreasonable Disproportion thereto, shall be accounted oppressive, an Enemy to his Country, guilty of a Breach of this Act, and shall be liable to be prosecuted before any of the Courts of Record within this State, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, and upon Conviction shall be fined for every Article sold, of the Price of twenty Shillings or under, the Sum of twenty Shillings, and for every Article of a Price above twenty Shillings, a Sum equal to the Price of such Articles, together with all Costs of Prosecution, and shall stand committed till Sentence be performed; one Half of said Fine to be paid into the General Treasury, and the other Half to the Informer or Prosecutor.

*AND be it further Enacted, That this Act shall take Effect, and be in full Force, upon Tuesday the eighth Day of January, A. D. 1777 ; and that the same be forthwith published, and sent to the respective Town-Clerks of this State, to be by them read in the first Town-Meeting of their respective Towns.*



*J. Smith to purchase Fish.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. John Smith be, and he is hereby, empowered to purchase a Quantity of Fish, on board a Brigantine about to be purchased for the Use of this State.*

*J. Brown allowed £. 318 for his Brig, purchased for a Fire-Ship.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred and eighteen Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed to Mr. John Brown, for the Brigantine Sally, purchased of him by Mr. Joseph Brown, to be made Use of as a Fire-Ship for the Service of this State, and upon his delivering to the said Joseph Brown, for the Use of this State, all the Stores belonging to said Brig, that the Sum aforesaid be paid him, out of the General Treasury.*

*Further Encouragement allowed to the Soldiers who shall enlist into the Continental Battalions,*

*WHEREAS the Committees from the four New-England States have passed the following Resolve, to wit :*

*" In Committee, December 30th, 1776.*

*" THIS Committee taking into Consideration the Bounties and Allowances, offered by Congress for enlisting the Continental Battalions, appointed as the Quota of the four New-England States, are of Opinion that, in the present Situation of the aforesaid States, it is impracticable to fill those Battalions, without giving a still further Encouragement to Men to enlist, and that it is of the utmost Necessity to complete them with all possible Despatch ; and the said States having given different Encouragements in their several States, for filling the said Battalions : And this Committee being of Opinion, that if the said States act upon one uniform Plan, it will be attended with many Advantages ; Do Resolve, that it be recommended to the several Legislatures of the said States to give an additional Bounty of ten Pounds and a Blanket, each Year, while in Service as aforesaid, or, in Lieu thereof, eighteen Shillings to the Encouragement given by Congress to the Non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers, who shall enlist into the said Battalions for three Years, or during the War, and to engage to supply them, while in Camp, with those Articles necessary for Soldiers, which are not furnished by Congress, at the Rates affixed to those Articles by the several New-England States, without any Charge for Transportation, or other Expences, which is considered by this Committee as a greater Encouragement to the Soldiers than hath been offered by any of the said States."*

*UPON Consideration whereof, It is Voted and Resolved, That this State will give an additional Bounty of four Pounds,*



to the six Pounds heretofore allowed by this Assembly, and a Blanket, each Year, while in Service, or in Lieu thereof eighteen Shillings, to the Encouragement given by Congress, to the Non-commissioned Officers and private Soldiers, who shall enlist into the Battalions ordered to be raised by this Assembly, agreeable to the Recommendation from the Honorable the Continental Congress: And this Assembly doth hereby engage to supply them, while in Camp, with those Articles, necessary for Soldiers, which are not furnished by Congress, at the Rates affixed to those Articles, by the several *New-England* States, without any Charge for Transportation.

WHEREAS this Assembly hath passed a Resolve, for draughting all Male Persons, subject by Law to bear Arms, whether of the Militia, Alarm-List, or Independent Companies, in three Divisions: And whereas the Committees, from the four *New-England* States, have passed a Resolve, recommending that the Militia of the said States, when called into the same Service, be placed upon the same Footing, in Point of Encouragement, Wages, and Rations: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Non-commissioned Officers, and private Soldiers, who shall be draughted as aforesaid, shall be allowed and paid, when called into actual Service, the Bounty of twenty Shillings, lawful Money: And that they be allowed and paid, while in actual Service, the same Wages that those of equal Rank in the Continental Army are allowed and paid; and the Rations that are allowed those of equal Rank in the standing Regiments of this State: *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That so much of said Resolve, as respects the Wages and Rations of the Officers and Soldiers who shall be draughted, as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby, repealed:—*And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonel, or Commanding Officer of each Regiment, or Company, as aforesaid, be immediately furnished with a Copy hereof.

Regulation of Wages, &c. to the Militia, when called on actual Duty.

WHEREAS the Committee of the four *New-England* States, now sitting, presented to this Assembly the following Resolve, *to wit*:

Further Regulations of the Militia, when called into Service,

" WHEREAS the Militia of the several States of *New-England* may be frequently called into the same Service; and many Inconveniencies may be prevented, by their being placed upon the same Footing, in Point of Encouragement, Wages and Rations:

" *RESOLVED*, That it be recommended to the several States aforesaid, that whenever the Militia of said States, or either of them, shall be called into Service, for any Term less than two Months, that the Officers and Soldiers be allowed and paid the same Wages and Rations, that those of equal Rank in the Continental Army are allowed and paid.

" *AND*

" *AND* that it be further recommended, where the Militia shall be called out for a Term more than two, and not exceeding four Months, That the Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers be paid a Bounty of twenty Shillings ; and where the Term of their Service shall amount to five, and shall not exceed six Months, that the Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers be paid a Bounty of forty Shillings, over and above the Continental Pay and Rations, provided they shall voluntarily enlist into such Service ; otherwise that they have, and receive the Continental Wages and Rations only, without any Bounty as aforesaid."

UPON Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the above Recommendation be, and the same is hereby, approved ; and that the Officers and Soldiers of the Militia, of this State, when called into actual Service, be allowed the Encouragement, Wages, and Rations, in said Resolve specified.

Cannon, Warlike Stores, &c. to be removed to Places of Safety.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to the Inhabitants of this State, who are possessed of Cannon, Warlike Stores and Sails, that they forthwith remove them to Places of Safety : And that if they shall neglect to do it, the Commanding Officers within this State are hereby directed to cause the same to be removed.

Row-Galley to proceed to Pawtuxet, and a Twelve-Pounder to be removed from thence to Warwick-Neck.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Row-Galley, now at Providence, be ordered forthwith to proceed to Pawtuxet, and there receive the Orders of Commodore *Esek Hopkins* ; and that a twelve Pound Cannon be forthwith removed from Pawtuxet to Warwick-Neck.

*N. Cooke* allowed £. 181 15 s.

WHEREAS the Hon'ble *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged by him against the State, for sixty-five Barrels of Flour delivered Commissary *Aborn*, for the Use of the Troops : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Hundred and eighty-one Pounds, fifteen Shillings, and one Penny, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General Treasury.

BOTH Houses, in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, viz.

<i>Isaac Tyler</i> , Captain,	} of the Row-Galley <i>Spitfire</i> .
<i>Josiah Simmons</i> , first Lieutenant,	
<i>Abel Weathers</i> , second Lieutenant,	

*Joseph Fuller*, Ensign of the fourth Company of Militia in Providence, in the Room of *David Bacon*, chosen a Lieutenant in Colonel *Taliman's* Regiment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Pardon Gray* be, and he *P. Gray* to draw is hereby empowered, to draw Twelve Hundred Pounds, and *£. 1200,* and Mr. *John Cook* Three Hundred Pounds, out of the General *J. Cooke* *£. 300,* Treasury : That one Half thereof be paid in Notes, and the o- out of the ther Half in Bills heretofore emitted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *William Brad-* *W. Bradford* to ford, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw Fifteen draw *£. 1500* Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasu- out of the Treasu- ry, one Half thereof in Notes, and the other Half in Bills here- ry. tofore emitted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathaniel Hamlington, Richard* *N. Hamlington,* *Rogers,* and *Lemuel Conants,* Deserters from the *British Service,* *R. Rogers,* and be allowed, and paid, each three Pounds, lawful Money, out *L. Conants,* al- of the General Treasury, for a Boat purchased of them. lowed *£. 9.*

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**I** *T is Voted and Resolved*, That all Non-commissioned Offi- An Act altering the cers and private Soldiers who have inlisted into the stand- Pay of the Bri- ing Regiments of this State, the Battalion-Men under the gade now rais- Encouragement of three Pounds, lawful Money, per Month, ing by this State and the Artillery-Men of three Pounds six Shillings per Month, and will continue and re-inlist into said Service, the Battalion-Men upon the Pay of two Pounds per Month, and the Artillery-Men of two Pounds, four Shillings, per Month, shall be paid an additional Bounty hereafter mentioned : And all those who will not re-inlist, as aforesaid, upon the Encouragement of forty Shillings for the Battalion-Men, and forty-four Shillings for the Artillery-Men, per Month, and will repay, to the Officers who inlisted them, all such Monies as they may have received, either for Bounty or Wages, shall thereupon be discharged ; and if any inlisted Soldier shall be unable to repay said Monies, and will not re-inlist, as aforesaid, he shall be retained in Service upon the Terms of his Inlistment, until his Wages shall amount to the Monies he may have received, allowing for each Month over and above his Wages one fifteenth Part of the Bounty received.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That each Person inlisting as a Soldier in the Service of this State, after three Days from the Rising of this Assembly, shall be paid, over and above the Bounty for inlisting, mentioned in the Act for raising them, an additional Bounty of Clothing, of one uniform Coat, three Pair of woolen Hose, two Pair of Shoes, one Hat, and two Shirts, and be entitled to Wages, the Battalion-Men at the Rate of two Pounds per Month, and the Artillery-Men two Pounds, four Shillings, per Month, to be paid them agreeable to the Terms for the Payment of Wages in said Act mentioned.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved, and this State do en-* gage, That every inlisted Soldier in the Service of this State,

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shall be supplied with the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life at the Prices and Rates affixed by the Act made at this Session of Assembly, for affixing the Prices and Rates at which Goods shall be bought and sold, within this State.

*A N D it is further Voted and Resolved*, That so much of the Act for raising two Battalions, and a Regiment of the Train, for the Service of this State, &c. passed at this present Session, as relates to the monthly Wages of the Soldiers, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

*J. Arnold, jun.*  
to purchase  
Corn of *R.*  
*Greene.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *James Arnold, jun. Esq;* be, and he is hereby, empowered to purchase of *Mr. Richard Greene* the Corn, Oats, Rie, Pork and Sheep, he has on Hand, for the Use of this State, and to remove the same to Places of Safety ; and that, if the said *Richard Greene* shall refuse to dispose of said Articles to this State, the said *James Arnold* be empowered to take the same, allowing him therefor at the Prices as fixed by this Assembly : And all Civil and Military Officers are hereby required to aid and assist him in the Execution of this Business.

Council of War  
to employ Cou-  
riers.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Council of War be, and they are hereby, requested to employ Couriers to proceed from this Place to *Connecticut* and *New-Hampshire*, agreeable to the Recommendations of the Committee from the four *New-England* States.

Act respecting  
the poor Wo-  
men sent from  
*Newport* to  
*North-King-*  
*town*, in a Flag  
of Truce.

**T H I S** General Assembly taking into Consideration a Letter from *John Northup, Esq;* to his Honor the Governor, informing him that *Thomas Freebody*, by Permission from *General Clinton*, had sent over with a Flag of Truce, from *Newport*, seventeen Women and ten Children, who were landed in *North-Kingstown*, and also inclosing a Copy of a Letter from the said *Thomas Freebody*, to the said *John Northup*, acquainting him that a Number of other Women and Children in *Newport* have Passes from *General Clinton*, to come to the main Land for Subsistence, and desiring to know whether Boats will be allowed to bring them to *Updike's Newtown*, that they may be subsisted upon the main Land : *Do Resolve*, that *John Northup, Sylvester Gardner* and *Thomas Bissell*, or any two of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to make Inquiry into the Connexions of the said Women and Children already landed, and in Case it shall appear that any of them are Mothers, Wives, Sisters or Children, to Persons in the Service of this or any of the *United States*, or in the Continental Service, that such Persons be received and supported at the Expence of this State, in such Places as the said Committee shall think fit, until further Orders from this Assembly : That such of the said Women and Children as are related to any Person in this State, who is obliged by Law to maintain them be also received

received, and sent, as soon as may be, to the Persons so obliged to maintain them ; that the others be returned to *Newport* by the Flag which brought them : That the said *John Northup* be directed to inform the said *Thomas Freebody*, that no poor Women and Children will be received from the Town of *Newport*, unless previous Permission be obtained from the General Assembly, or, in the Recess of it, from the Council of War : And that the Boat, which brought the said Poor, with the Officer and Crew, be detained until the Committee shall make Inquiry, and determine as aforesaid.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Proceedings of the Committee from the *New-England* States be, and the same are hereby, approved ; and that the same be adopted by this State so far as relates thereto. Proceedings of the Committee from the *New-England* States, approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That five Dollars be paid out of *R. J. Helme* as the General Treasury, to *Rowse J. Helme*, for his Attendance as Clerk to the Committee from the four States of *New-England*. lowed 30s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Ward* and *Jonathan Arnold*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to transmit, as soon as possible, to the Honorable the Continental Congress, a fair Copy of the whole Proceedings of the Committee from the *New-England* States, and that they also assign the Reasons of the Meeting of said Committee. Proceedings of the Committee from the *New-England* States, to be sent to Congress.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That agreeable to the Recommendation of the Committee, from the four States of *New-England*, that the last *Wednesday* of *January* instant be observed as a Day of public Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer, throughout this State : That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly ; and that all servile Labour and Recreation be forbidden on that Day. Last *Wednesday* in *January* to be observed as a Fast.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Hundred and twenty Copies of the Resolution of this Assembly, altering the Bounty and Wages of the three Regiments now raising within this State, be immediately printed : And that *Theodore Foster*, Esq; procure the same to be done ; and forward to some one of the Field-Officers, in each Regiment, twenty Copies ; and to each of the Members of the Committee of Safety, seven Copies thereof ; to be by them distributed amongst the Officers in said Regiments, as soon as possible. Regulations of the Brigade to be printed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, within

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within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby, adjourned to the First Monday of February next, then to meet at Providence.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

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*Henry Ward*

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Monday* in *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.*

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

SIMON POTTER, Esq;

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

DANIEL CAHOON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT

*Mr. John Tanner,  
Col. Joseph Belcher.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Col. Jonathan Arnold,  
Mr. John Brown,  
Mr. John Smith,  
Theodore Foster, Esq;*

## PORTSMOUTH:

None.

## WARWICK:

*Mr. Jacob Greene,  
Col. Samuel Aborn,  
Mr. Thomas Holden.*

## WESTERLY:

*Joshua Babcock, Esq;*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;  
Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Immanuel Case, Esq;  
Daniel Rodman, Esq;*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,  
Benjamin Underwood, Esq;*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;  
Capt. Andrew Waterman.*

## SCITUATE:

*Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

*Richard Steere, Esq;*

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Col. Gideon Hoxie,  
Mr. James Congdon, 3d.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Samuel Hopkins, jun.*

## COVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Westcot,  
Mr. John Greene.*

## EXETER:

*Col. George Peirce.*

## MIDDLETOWN:

None.

## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq;*

## TIVERTON:

None.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Perez Richmond, Esq;*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,  
Col. Sylvester Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*John Dexter, Esq;  
Mr. Elisha Waterman.*

## RICHMOND:

None.

## CRANSTON:

*Mr. William Field,  
Mr. John King, jun.*

## HOPKINTON:

*Mr. John Larkin,  
Thomas Wells, Esq;*

## JOHNSTON:

*Caleb Harris, Esq;  
Abraham Belknap, Esq;*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Capt. Joseph Olney,  
Mr. Benjamin Sheppard.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Edward Bosworth,  
Mr. Moses Tyler.*

*JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*



**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Brown*, *Henry Ward*, and *Daniel Rodman*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught Letters, in Answer to the Letters received from his Excellency General *Washington*, and General *Greene*; that they also draught a Letter to Congress; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

Committee to  
draught Letters  
to Generals  
*Washington*  
and *Greene*,  
&c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col *Samuel Aborn* be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, for the Use of the Troops raised by this State.

*S. Aborn* to  
draw £ 200  
out of the  
Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee from the Town-Council of the Town of *Providence* represented unto this Assembly; that the House at present improved for a Hospital for the Small Pox is very inconvenient for the Purpose, as thereby a very important Pass, to and from the Town, in case of an Attack from the Enemy, is greatly obstructed, and the carrying thither Persons who break out with that Distemper, gives great Uneasiness to the Troops stationed in said Town, who, by Reason of the Vicinity of the Hospital thereto, are in great Danger of taking the Distemper, a Communication of which among the Troops, at this critical Period, would be attended with the most fatal Consequences; and that a Consideration thereof induced the Honorable Major-General *Spencer* to request that a more suitable Place for a Hospital might be procured in a retired Situation, in Consequence of which a Town-Meeting was called, which appointed a Person to look out for such a Place, who reported to the Town-Council, that he found no Place so suitable for the Purpose as a House in *North-Providence*, owned by *Jesse Lealand*, about three Miles from the Market in said Town of *Providence*, and thereupon the said Committee requested that the said Town-Council, or a suitable Committee appointed by this Assembly for that Purpose, might be empowered to make Use of the House of the said *Jesse Lealand* for the Purpose aforesaid, they paying a reasonable Rent therefor; and that they or said Committee might be empowered to remove thither any Persons who may be taken sick with the Small-Pox in said Town of *Providence*, and to grant Liberty to some suitable Person to inoculate those who live in said House, and have not had the Distemper, if they have an Inclination therefor, or such as may be employed as Nurses at said Hospital: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Council of the Town of *Providence* be and they are hereby empowered to take Possession of the House owned by *Jesse Lealand*, in *North-Providence*, for the Purpose aforesaid, they allowing a reasonable Rent for the Use of the same, and the Damages the Tenant, *John Jenckes Dursey*, may suffer by his sudden Removal; and that upon any Persons being carried into said House, who may have taken the Small-Pox in the natural Way, that the Tenant, his Family, and the Nurses, may be inoculated; and that the same be under the Direction of the Town-Council of the Town of *Providence*; and that they request General *Spencer* to place the necessary Guards.

Town-Coun-  
cil of *Provi-  
dence* empow-  
ered to take a  
House suita-  
ble for the  
Small-Pox.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Field-Officers, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, and other Officers and Privates of the Militia and Alarm-List within this State, who have been draughted, and have done or shall do Duty agreeable to the Acts of this Assembly passed at the last Session, shall receive the following Wages and Rations, *to wit*:

Wages and  
Rations of  
Militia, &c.

A Colonel,

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A Colonel,	£ 22 10	6	} <i>per Month, and</i> <i>Rations, per Day.</i>
A Lieutenant Colonel,	18 0	5	
A Major,	15 0	4	
A Captain,	12 0	3	
A Lieutenant,	8 2	2	
An Ensign,	6 0	2	
An Adjutant,	12 0	2	
A Quarter-Master,	7 10	2	
A Major of Brigade,	9 18	4	
Serjeants,	2 8	1	
Corporals,	} 2 4	1	}
Drummers and			
Fifers,			
Privates,	2 0	1	

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Captains, Lieutenants and Ensigns of the several Independent Companies within this State, who have been draughted, and have done or shall do Duty, as is above specified, shall be entitled to and receive the same Wages that are allowed to the Officers of the Militia and Alarm-List, and the same Number of Rations that are allowed the several Militia Officers with whom they respectively rank; and that the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of said Companies also receive the same Bounties, Wages and Rations, as are allowed to the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Militia or Alarm-List as aforesaid.

*J. Carter* allowed £ 34  
6 s. 8 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing a Number of Copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Army, and a Number of Inlistments, for publishing fundry Acts and Resolves of this Assembly, and Council of War, for printing Two Hundred Copies of the Act regulating the Prices of Goods, for a Number of Proclamations for a Fast, and advertising the same in the Gazette, for printing a Number of Treasurer's Notes, and Hand-Bills, and for fundry Advertisements inserted in the Gazette: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-four Pounds Six Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Tillinghast* allowed £ 8  
4 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, one of the Committee appointed to enquire into and estimate the Damages done by the Soldiers on the Islands of *Rhode-Island* and *Conanicut*, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences to *Providence*, to get a Copy of the Act of Assembly, for nine Days Service on said Business at *Newport* and *Jamestown*, for six Days Attendance at *Providence*, to make Report to this Assembly, and for fundry other Expences: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Pardon Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Tillinghast* allowed £ 12  
7 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Tillinghast*, another of said Committee, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged, for his Service, Horse-hire, and fundry other Expences, while performing said Business: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twelve Pounds Seven Shillings and*

and Twopence Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Bucklin*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged for his Service, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to and returning from *Baltimore*, on public Business: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Forty Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Bucklin*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Bucklin*,  
jun. allowed  
£ 40 19 s.  
10 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of Safety within this State be, and they are hereby directed to pay the additional Wages allowed to the Officers who accepted Continental Commissions, in the Regiments lately under the Command of the Colonels *Richmond* and *Lippitt*.

Additional  
Wages al-  
lowed to the  
Officers of  
Cols *Rich-  
mond* and *Lip-  
pitt's* Regi-  
ments.

WHEREAS *Ambrose Page*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for four Barrels of fine *Dutch* Pistol Powder delivered for the Use of the Laboratory, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventy-eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ambrose Page*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Page* al-  
lowed £ 76  
18 s. 6 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Schooner *Mary*, *Thomas Williams*, Master, belonging to *William Brown*, of *Digbyton*, in the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, be permitted to proceed to *Hispaniola*, under the Regulations and Restrictions with which Vessels have heretofore been permitted to sail by the Council of War.

Schooner *Ma-  
ry* permitted  
to sail.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Dyre*, jun. presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences, and the Ride of his Horse to *Providence*, on Express, by Order of *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Dyre*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Dyre*, jun.  
allowed £ 1  
12 s.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash paid to sundry Persons for going Express on public Service; for the Amount of and sundry Expences upon the Ship *Aurora*, purchased for the Service of Government, and for a Quantity of Bread and Flour delivered Commissary *Aborn*, for the Use of the Army, within this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Cooke* al-  
lowed £ 133  
13 s. 2 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the non-commissioned Officers and Privates, who have enlisted into the Brigade raising by this State, for Fifteen Months, may enlist into the Continental Battalions raising by this State; and that they receive therefor an additional Bounty, so as to make it equal to the Bounty allowed to able-bodied Men enlisting into said Battalions.

15 Months  
Troops allow-  
ed to enlist into  
the Continen-  
tal Battalions.

WHEREAS

Petition of J.  
Spencer and  
others granted.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Job Spencer, William Hopkins, and Thomas Mateson*, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That they were draughted in the first Division in Col. *Brown's* Regiment, and warned to appear at *East-Greenwich*, on the Seventh Day of *January* last past : That they did not appear until the Twentieth Day of the same Month ; and thereupon prayed that they might be permitted to make up their Deficiency, by serving an equal Number of Days in the second Division, and be exempted from the Fine which by Law they are liable to :

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

Soldiers Bounty  
augmented.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That every non-commissioned Officer and private Soldier belonging to this State, who shall enlist for three Years, or during the present War with *Great-Britain*, shall, in Addition to the Pay and Encouragement given by the Continental Congress, be entitled to and receive the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds* Lawful Money, on his passing Muster, which shall be in Lieu of all other Bounty and Encouragement heretofore offered by the General Assembly of this State ; and that this Assembly will furnish each non-commissioned Officer and Private, who shall enlist as aforesaid, with Arms and Accoutrements, a Blanket and a Knap sack, in Behalf of the Continent.

Deputy-Governor  
to pay  
*J. Child* £ 1  
19s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Hire of his Cart and Horse, for the Use of the Artillery Company in the Town of *Warren* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Child*, by the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq;

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### An ACT empowering the General-Treasurer to hire the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money.

General-Treasurer  
to hire  
£ 50,000.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to hire the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money : That he issue his Notes therefor : That not any Note be issued for a less Sum than *Five Dollars* ; and that said Notes be made payable to —, or Order, within Five Years from the Date thereof, with Interest at *Four per Cent. per Ann.* until paid.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Form of the Notes be as follows :

“ *State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.*

“ By Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of said State, and as General-Treasurer thereof, for Value received, I promise to pay  
or Order,                      *Dollars*, within Five Years from this Date,  
with Interest at *Four per Cent. per Ann.* until paid. Witness my Hand,  
this                      Day of                      *A. D. 1777.*”

AND it is further Enacted, That the Numbes of Notes hereafter mentioned be of the following Denominations, to wit :

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1000	Notes of Five Dollars,	5000
1000	of Six Dollars,	6000
1000	of Seven Dollars,	7000
1000	of Eight Dollars,	8000
1000	of Ten Dollars,	10000
1000	of Twenty Dollars,	20000
1000	of Thirty Dollars,	30000

AND that the Remainder be given for such Sums as may suit the Person who takes them.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Notes be printed with the Escutcheons and Borders used in striking the last Bills of public Credit: That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby appointed to superintend the Press; and that he keep a fair Register of the Order and Manner of signing said Notes, and to whom given.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Notes aforesaid shall be a lawful Tender, for paying and discharging all Debts and Demands whatever, in the same Manner as the Lawful Money Bills of this State are made a legal Tender.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Rodman, Esq; deliver to John D. Rodman to Northrup, Esq; the Cloths and Flannels in his Hands contracted for by Metcalf Bowler, in Behalf of this State; and that the said Daniel Rodman be allowed Five Shillings and Threepence per Yard for the Flannel, the same having been purchased by him for the State, previous to the passing of the Act regulating the Price thereof within this State.

WHEREAS Mr. William Tefft laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express from the South Ferry to Providence, by Order of Major Thomas Potter: And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being One Pound Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money, be paid unto the said William Tefft, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. John Howland, jun. who was appointed to remove the State of Hog-Island, laid before this Assembly the following Account, to wit:

The State of Rhode-Island, &c. to John Howland, jun.		Dr.
To Cash paid Curtis Cole's Bill,	£ 4	1 0
To Cash paid Col. Nathan Pearce's Bill,	0	8 0
To Cash paid Curtis Cole, as per Receipt, for one Quarter Part of the Stock and sundries, taken from Hog-Island,	16	13 1½
To Cash paid Smith Bowen's Bill, for his Quarter Part of the Sheep taken from Hog-Island,	10	11 9¼
To Cash paid Smith Bowen's Bill, per Receipt,	0	3 0
To my Commissions for selling the whole of the Stock, &c. taken from Hog-Island, at 2 ½ per Cent.	2	18 6

Balance due to the State,

34	15	5½
82	2	9½
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£ 116	18	3
Supra		

Supra. Cr.

By sundries sold at Vendue, as per Bill,

£ 116 18 3

*J. Howland to  
pay £ 82 2 1.  
9 ½*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and the same is hereby allowed; and that the above Balance of *Eighty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings* Lawful Money, be paid by the said *John Howland, jun.* into the General-Treasury.

*L. B. Bradford  
to draw £ 600  
out of the Treas-  
ury.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Le Barron Bradford* be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Six Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that the Sum of *Eighty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings* Lawful Money, due from *John Howland* to this State, be received by him, in Part thereof.

*J. Congdon 3d to  
draw £ 300 out  
of the Treasury.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. James Congdon, 3d*, one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Congdon 3d to  
pay S. Potter  
£ 2 10.*

WHEREAS *Mr. Stephen Potter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for lodging *Eighty-four Men*, belonging to *Capt. Isaac Sergeant's* Company of Horse, from *Connecticut*, and for three Cords of Wood by him provided, for the Use of said Company: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Potter*, by *James Congdon, 3d*.

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## An A C T for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and for preventing their being burthened with military Duty.

*Act for the Re-  
lief of Persons of  
tender Con-  
sciences.*

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That any Person inhabiting within this State, and of a sober Life and Conversation, who can and shall frankly and freely take the Affirmation hereinafter prescribed, before the Governor, Deputy-Governor, or either of the Assistants, or Justices of the Superior Court, and produce a Certificate thereof, or if one of the People called Quakers, shall produce a Certificate from the Clerk of the monthly Meeting to which he belongs, that he is a Member of their religious Society, such Certificate shall excuse such Person from all military Duty whatever.

### *The Form of the Affirmation.*

“I *A. B.* do sincerely affirm and declare, That the Art of War and Fighting, and the Use and Exercise of Arms therein, either offensively or defensively, is utterly inconsistent with my Belief as a Christian; and that I do not decline and refuse the Use thereof out of Obstinacy or Singularity, but for Conscience Sake. And this Affirmation I make and give without Evasion, or mental Reservation.”

AND it is particularly recommended and enjoined on all Officers empowered by this Act to administer this Affirmation, that they be careful to make Enquiry into the Lives and Conversation of such as apply to them for the Benefit of the same, and be satisfied that they are of sober Lives and

and Conversation, agreeable to the Intent of this Act, before he administer the same ; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

*PROVIDED nevertheless*, That any Thing before contained in this Act be not understood, or construed to extend, to excuse the Persons taking the Affirmation, or producing the Certificates before mentioned, from appearing at the Request of any civil Magistrate to extinguish Fires, remove sick Persons, Women and Children, and from affording any Kind of Assistance, of a charitable or merely civil Nature, upon any Time of public Calamity and Distress.

*AND it is hereby further Enacted and Declared*, That the Act for Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, made in the Year 1743, and that Paragraph in the Act for regulating the Militia that requires certain Duties of Persons of tender Consciences, be and the same are hereby repealed.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That no Person shall be excused from any future military Duty, by his having taken the Affirmation, as by the Law heretofore enacted.

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WHEREAS Mr. *David Wilkinson* exhibited unto this Assembly an *D. Wilkinson* Account, by him charged against the State, for superintending the Press <sup>allowed £ 3</sup> in April last, while printing an Emission of the Lawful Money Bills : <sup>6 s.</sup> And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *David Wilkinson*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Leach* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to his Honor Governor *Trumbull*, of *Connecticut*, on public Business, by Order of his Honor the Governor : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Stephen Leach*, out of the General-Treasury. <sup>*S. Leach* allowed £ 3 2 s. 6 d.</sup>

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That whereas the General Assembly often in Course sits upon *Little-Redd Hill*, and the Courts of common Law often hold their Terms there, that the Post-Master General be requested to establish a Post-Office there, and to alter the Course of the Post, and order that he ride from *East-Greenwich* into *North-Kingstown*, as far as *Ezekiel Gardner's*, and from thence to turn off to said *Little-Redd* ; and that the Post from the Southward turn off from the Road heretofore used at *John Hawkins's*, in *South-Kingstown*, and meet the other Post at said *Little-Redd*. <sup>Route of the Post altered to *Little-Redd*.</sup>

WHEREAS a Number of Inhabitants of the Town of *Westerly* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That for Want of a proper Guard to watch the Shores upon the Sea-Coast of said Town, they are very much exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy, and are almost daily alarmed by their Shipping passing and re-passing their Sea-Coast, in Sight of said Town, where it is easy for them to land their Men ; and thereupon <sup>Petition of the Inhabitants of *Westerly* referred to General *Spencer*.</sup>

prayed this Assembly to take their Case into Consideration, and enact, that a Guard or Watch, of such a Number of Men as may be thought sufficient, may be appointed to watch the Shores upon their Sea-Coast; and that this Assembly would appoint Capt. *Samuel Champlin*, who lives near the Shore, to have the Care of said Watch: *Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved*, That said Petition be and the same is hereby referred to the Honorable Major-General *Spencer*.

*T. Allin* allowed £ 10  
2 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Allin* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for cleaning and mending Thirty-seven Small-Arms, fixing Bayonets, and making Ramrods for the same, by Order of Col. *Belcher*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Allin*, out of the General-Treasury, upon his delivering the said Small-Arms to *Joseph Belcher*, Esq; and producing from him a Receipt for the same.

Schooner *Betsy* permitted to proceed to *Maryland*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Schooner *Betsy*, whereof *Timothy Dagget* is Master, be permitted to sail for *Baltimore*, in *Maryland*, under the Regulations and Restrictions with which Vessels have been heretofore permitted to sail by the Council of War.

Members of Assembly, while sitting, excused from military Duty.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Members of the General Assembly, who are drawn in the second or third Division of the Alarm-List of this State, be excused from doing Duty in said Divisions at any Time during a Session of this Assembly, and one Day before the Sitting thereof, and two Days after the Rising of the same.

*J. Case* appointed 5th Justice of the Inferior Court in *King's County*, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Immanuel Case*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed the Fifth Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *King's County*; and that the other Puisne Justices, namely, *John Northrup*, *Carter Hazzard*, and *Joseph Hoxsie*, be advanced; *Sylvester Robinson*, Esq; having vacated his Seat.

*T. Potter* to prove the Small-Arms belonging to his Company.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Major *Thomas Potter* prove the Small-Arms delivered to the Men under his Command, at the Expence of this State.

*J. Holloway* allowed £ 1  
4 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Holloway*, a Soldier in the Service of this State, laid before this Assembly an Account, charged against him by Dr. *William Chace*, for sundry Visits, Medicines and Attendance on him, during his Sicknefs, while absent on Furlough: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Holloway*, out of the General-Treasury.

*I. Sayles* allowed 18 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Israel Sayles* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Work by him done on the Works at *Bristol Ferry*, and for a Jack-Plane lost in said Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Israel Sayles*, by Mr. *John Smith*, one of the Committee of Safety.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Brown*, *Immanuel Case*, *Job Comstock*, *Shearjashub Bourn*, and *Thomas Church*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire what Sums of Money have been drawn out of the General-Treasury, for purchasing the Two Thousand Arms, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, heretofore ordered to be purchased by this Assembly, and of the Number of Arms, &c. purchased; and that they proportion and distribute the same to the several Towns, in Proportion to the Number of Polls upon the Alarm-List therein, agreeable to the last Estimate.

Committee to enquire what Money has been drawn to purchase Arms.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Duck by him furnished for an Awning for the Ammunition-Cart, belonging to the Artillery Company in the Town of *Warren*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Child*, by the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq;

*J. Child* allowed £ 3 8<sup>1</sup>.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Weeden*, who lately came from the Island of *Jamestown*, confine himself to such Parts of the Town of *Warwick* as lie Northward and Westward one Mile and a Half from the salt Water; and if he shall transgress said Limits, without Permission first had and obtained therefor from this Assembly, or in their Recess from the Council of War, that the several Sheriffs and their Deputies within this State are hereby directed forthwith to apprehend and commit him to the Gaol in the County in which he may be apprehended; and the Secretary is directed immediately to transmit a Copy hereof to the said *John Weeden*.

*J. Weeden* confined to *Warwick*.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expenses, while attending on this Assembly, at the second Session in *December, A. D. 1776*, as Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Lyndon* allowed £ 2 18<sup>1</sup>.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, charged by him against the State, for Horse-hire and Expence while attending on the Assembly, as Assistant Clerk of the Lower House, at the second Session in *December, A. D. 1776*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Channing* allowed £ 2 19<sup>1</sup>.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Gardner*, who lately came from the Island of *Rhode-Island*, forthwith remove to the Town of *Exeter*, and that he confine himself within said Town; and if he shall not, within three Days after the Rising of this Assembly, proceed to said Town of *Exeter*, or if he shall after his Arrival there transgress the Limits assigned him, without Permission therefor first had from this Assembly, or in the Recess thereof from the Council of War, the Sheriffs or their Deputies within this State are directed forthwith to apprehend and commit him to the Gaol in the County in which he may be apprehended. *And it is further*

*B. Gardner* confined to *Exeter*.

*further Resolved*, That he remove to said Town, and continue within the same at his own Expence; and the Secretary is directed to furnish the said *Benjamin Gardner* with a Copy hereof, as soon as may be.

*B. Brown* allowed £ 6  
19 s.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for notifying the Members in *King's County* to meet at two Sessions of Assembly, at *East-Greenwich*, and for notifying the said Members to meet in General Committee, at *Providence*, in Consequence of Warrants from his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Beriah Brown*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Waite* allowed £ 2

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service, in going Express to carry Acts of Assembly to the respective Town-Clerks and Commanders of Independent Companies in *King's County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Beriah Waite*, out of the General-Treasury.

*K. Dexter* allowed £ 2  
11 s. 1 d.

WHEREAS Col. *Knight Dexter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged by him against the State, for the Hire of a Horse to *Cambridge*, by Mr. *Brown*, Express from Congress, for keeping his Horse, and for the Hire of a Horse on Express to *General Washington*, by Order of his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Knight Dexter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Miller* to receive 24  
Dollars on G.  
*Rome's* Order.

WHEREAS *Nathan Miller*, Esq; hath an Order drawn by *George Rome*, in his Favour, on *Edward Cole* and Company, for *Twenty-four Dollars*, in Leather: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Twenty-four Dollars* be paid unto the said *Nathan Miller*, out of the General-Treasury; and that said Order with a Receipt thereon be left with the General-Treasurer.

Resolve of  
Congress to  
be printed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Resolve of Congress of the fourteenth ult. to prevent the Depreciation of the Continental Currency, be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

Officers cho-  
sen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit*:

OFFICERS in the two Continental Battalions, to be raised in this State.

#### FIRST BATTALION.

*Samuel Ward*, Esq; Major.

*John Topham*, *Elijah Lewis*, and *Oliver Clarke*, Captains.

*Joseph Whitmarsh*, *Peleg Hoxsie*, *Elias Hull*, *James Webb*, *Ichabod Prentice*, *Edward Slocum*, and *William Davis*, jun. First Lieutenants.

*Elias Blanchard*, *Elias Thompson*, jun. *Samuel Northup*, *Richmond Springer*, *William Gardner*, *Henry Tice*, jun. *Jonathan Davis*, and *Daniel Tillinghast*, Ensigns.

*John Holden*, jun. Adjutant.

SECOND

## SECOND BATTALION.

*Israel Angell*, Esq; Colonel.

*Jeremiah Olney*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.

*Simeon Thayer*, Esq; Major.

*David Dexter*, *Christopher Dyrz*, *Stephen Olney*, *William Allen*, and *William Potter*, Captains.

*Thomas Hughes*, *Dutec Jerauld*, *Ebenzer West*, and *Thomas Waterman*, First-Lieutenants.

N. B. Two of the Vacancies for First Lieutenants are to be filled by *Sylvanus Shaw*, and *William Humphrey*, as soon as it is known they are exchanged.

*Oliver Jenckes*, and *Benedict Tew*, Second Lieutenants.

*John Harris*, *Thomas Waterman*, and *Jabez Arnold*, Ensigns.

N. B. Two of the Vacancies for Ensigns are to be filled by *Matthew Coggeshall*, and *John Finch*, who are to be chosen as soon as it is known they are exchanged.

*John Remington*, Adjutant.

In Grand Committee, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the earliest Enquiry be made, by Application to his Excellency General *Washington*, to know whether Colonel *Greene* will soon be exchanged; and if there is no Probability thereof, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly, or in their Recess the Council of War, will appoint Lieutenant Colonel *Archibald Crary* to command the First Battalion of this State, for the Continental Service: And the said Colonel *Crary* is requested in the mean Time to give his utmost Assistance, in filling and disciplining said Regiment.

Lieut. Col. *Crary* to be appointed to command the first Continental Battalion, in case.

Both Houses being still in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit*:

Choice of Officers continued.

*Henry Marchant*, Esq; a Delegate to represent this State in the Honorable Continental Congress.

*William Greene*, Esq; Chief,

*Shearjashub Bourn*, Esq; Second,

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Third,

*Thomas Wells*, Esq; Fourth,

*Perez Richmond*, Esq; Fifth,

*John Park*, Captain, and *Gideon Hoxsie, jun.* Lieutenant, of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Charlestown*.

*Barber Peckham*, First Lieutenant, in Capt. *Royzel Smith's* Company.

*Samuel Bissel*, First Lieutenant, in Capt. *Samuel Phillips's* Company, in the Room of *Christopher Brown*, who declines.

*Job Clap*, Second Lieutenant, and *Christopher Phillips*, Ensign of said Company.

*Rufus Barton*, First Lieutenant, in Capt. *Benjamin Church's* Company, in Colonel *Talman's* Regiment.

*Edward Sands*, Surgeon of the Regiment of Artillery.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Post-Riders in this State, regularly appointed, be and they are hereby exempted from military Service, during their Continuance in the Duty of Post-Riders.

Post-Riders exempted from military Duty.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, the standing Committee of Audit, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of Mr. *Pardon Gray*, Commissary for the

Report of the Committee upon P. Gray's Account.

Troops stationed at *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, together with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

Mr. <i>Pardon Gray</i> , Commissary to the State of <i>Rhode-Island, &amp;c.</i> Dr.		
1777. } To Cash you received of the General-Trea- }		£ 1700 0 0
Feb. 7. } surer, as <i>per</i> Certificate,		
	Balance due to <i>Pardon Gray</i> ,	1289 12 5½
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		2989 12 5½
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Creditor.		
1777. } By Amount of your Account, after de- }		£ 2989 12 5½
Feb. 7. } ducting the Overcharges,		
<i>Providence, Feb. 7, 1777. Errors excepted,</i>		
<i>Per PARDON GRAY.</i>		

*Providence, Feb. 7, 1777. This Day examined the above Accounts and Vouchers.*

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*P. Gray allowed £ 1289 12 s. 5 d. ½* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *One Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and Fivepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Pardon Gray*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Committee to lease Estates in King's County, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, and *Daniel Rodman*, Esquires, be and they are hereby empowered to lease out the real Estates, heretofore taken Possession of by this State, in the County of *King's County*, to such Persons only as have subscribed the Test or Declaration ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State: That they receive the Rents due for the said Estates, from the Tenants to whom they were formerly leased, and pay the same to the Committee of Safety, in the County of *King's County*, taking their Receipts therefor, as so much Money received by their Hands, of the General-Treasurer; and that they make Report of their Proceedings to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

*S. Woodbridge appointed 2d Lieutenant:*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Samuel Woodbridge* be and he is hereby appointed Second Lieutenant in Capt. *Nathaniel Hawkins's* Company, in Col. *Stanton's* Regiment, in the Room of *Edward Coleman*, who resigns.

*J. Congdon, 3d, to receive an Order on the Treasury for £ 300.*

WHEREAS *Mr. James Congdon*, 3d, hath represented to this Assembly that he hath lost an Order he received on the Treasurer, for the *Three Hundred Pounds* which he has been empowered by a Resolve of this Assembly, at their present Session, to draw out of the Treasury: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary give him another Order for the same Sum, agreeable to said Resolve.

*Militia Officers in South-Kingstown.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Babcock* be Captain of the Second Company of Militia in the Town of *South Kingstown*, in the Room of *James Parker*, who is appointed in one of the Fifteen Months Regiments; and that *Joseph Carpenter* be First Lieutenant of said Company, in the Room of *Barber Peckham*, who is appointed in one of the said Fifteen Months Regiments.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *James Congdon*, 3d, who was appointed to collect the Arms belonging to this State, which were left in *New-London*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

IN Consequence of the above Appointment, I the Subscriber went to *New-London*, to enquire after said Arms, and found that Mr. *Shaw*, who had the Care of said Arms, had delivered them to Mr. *Joseph Prat*, a Copy of whose Receipt I herewith present. I am your Honor's humble Servant,

JAMES CONGDON, 3d.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* to *James Congdon*, 3d, Dr.  
To my Time, the Use of my Horse, and Expences, in }  
going to *New-London*, to do the above Business, } £ 1 16 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *J. Congdon*, the said Account be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, <sup>3d. allowed</sup> being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *£ 1 16 s.* *James Congdon*, 3d, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Rose J. Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance Thirty-four Days, as Clerk to the Council of War: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Rose J. Helme*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the standing Committee for auditing Accounts laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of Col. *John Cook*, as one of the Committee of Safety, with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

Col. *John Cook*, one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

To Amount of sundry Errors in casting, and Over-charges, } £ 62 9 1  
To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, to Feb. 7, 1777, as per his Certificate, } 5696 6 11

Balance due to Col. *John Cook*,

5758 16 0

929 2 7

6687 18 7

Creditor.

By the Amount of your Account, Commissions included, £ 6687 18 7  
*Providence, Feb. 7, 1777. Errors excepted,*

*Per JOHN COOK.*

*Providence, Feb. 7, 1777.* This Day finished the Examination of the foregoing Account, with the Vouchers.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*N. B.* There still remains in my Hands a Sum of Money, supposed to be about *Fifteen Hundred Dollars*, that arose upon the Sales of *Charles Dudley's*, *George Rome's* and *Jabbeel Brenton's* Goods, that were put into my Hands for Sale, the net Amount, more or less, to be credited or charged to this State, when the Accounts of the Vendue-Master are settled.

JOHN COOK.

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The above Ballance brought down,  
1500 Dollars, is

£ 929 2 7  
450 0 0

Leaves due,

£ 479 2 7

*J. Cook allowed £ 479 2 7 d.* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That the said Account be allowed ; and that the Balance thereof, being *Four Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Cook*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Cook to draw £ 400 out of the Treasury.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Col. John Cook*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Four Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Larned allowed £ 123.* WHEREAS *Mr. Benjamin Larned* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for billeting Forty-one Men, belonging to *Col. Slack's* Company of Light-Horse, and keeping their Horses, when on Duty in the late Alarm in *December* last : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *Benjamin Larned*, for the said Company of Light-Horse.

*D. Mowry to search after Cattle.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Mowry*, Esq; make diligent Search after the Stock that was brought off of *Rhode-Island*, at the Time the Enemy took Possession of said Island ; and that he dispose of the same as heretofore ordered, by a Resolve of this Assembly.

*State of S. Mumford's Account.* WHEREAS the Committee for auditing Accounts laid before this Assembly the Account of *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, of which the following is a State, together with their Report thereon, which also follows, *to wit* :

*Stephen Mumford*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.

To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, to *Jan. 28, 1777*, as per his Certificate, } £ 4231 0 6  
Balance due to *Stephen Mumford*, } 95 1 4

4326 1 10

Creditor.

By Amount of your Account of sundries, } 3405 19 5  
By Amount of sundry Accounts paid for the Galley } 59 12 9½  
*Washington*, per Account delivered,

3465 12 2½

By Amount of your Account as Commissary,

825 16 7½

By Commissions on £ 3465 12 s. at 1 per Cent.

4291 8 10

34 13 0

£ 4326 1 10

*Providence, Feb. 5, 1777.* Errors excepted.

Per STEPHEN MUMFORD.

*Providence,*

Providence, Feb. 5, 1777. This Day examined the foregoing Account, with the Vouchers.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, S. Mumford* That the same be and is hereby accepted; and that the Balance thereof, <sup>allowed £95</sup> being *Ninety-five Pounds One Shilling and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be <sup>1 s. 4 d.</sup> paid unto the said *Stephen Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Persons who have been called upon to do Duty in the first or second Draught of the Militia and Alarm-List, ordered to be made by this Assembly, and were Members of the Society of Friends at the Time of their being draughted as aforesaid, shall be excused from any Fine incurred by their neglecting said Duty; and if committed to Gaol for the Non-payment thereof, they shall be discharged from said Confinement, upon their producing a Certificate thereof from the Clerk of the Monthly-Meeting, to the Commanding Officer within whose District he may live; any Law to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

WHEREAS the standing Committee for auditing Accounts, presented unto this Assembly an Account of the Names of sundry Persons in Col. *Stanton's* Regiment, who have received their Pay twice; which is as follows, *to wit*:

It appears, upon comparing the Accounts of *John Northup*, Esq; with Col. *Joseph Stanton's*, that the following Persons have received of said *Stanton* the Sums against their Names, and afterwards their whole Wages of said *Northup*.

<i>William Gardner</i> , in <i>Stanton's</i> Account,	£ 6 12 0
<i>Marlborough Stanton</i> , per Receipt, July 29,	3 4 0
Ditto, August 23,	3 0 6
<i>John Welch</i> , per two Receipts, August 9 and 24,	2 19 0
<i>John Smith</i> , per Ditto, August 16,	1 10 0
<i>Peleg Lewis</i> , two Ditto, August 15 and 27,	4 2 0
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	£ 21 7 6
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THE above Persons were of Capt. *Augustus Stanton's* Company.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

WHEREUPON it is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Arnold*, the present Captain of said Company, deduct the above mentioned Sums from the Wages due to *William Gardner*, *Marlborough Stanton*, *John Welch*, *John Smith*, and *Peleg Lewis*; and that he pay said Sums into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *John Dexter*, Esq; and Mr. *Elisba Waterman*, preferred a Petition of *J. Dexter and E. Waterman* to this Assembly, setting forth, That the Bridge built over *Paw-tucket* River, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, was first erected granted.

erected by Way of Lottery, and hath ever since been repaired in that Way; that said Bridge now wants repairing, without which it will soon become impassible, and be entirely useles to the State; and thereupon prayed, as Deputies for and in Behalf of said Town of *Cumberland*, that this Assembly would grant them Liberty to raise the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds* Lawful Money, by Way of Lottery, to repair said Bridge.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions; and that the said *John Dexter*, and *Elisha Waterman*, be and they are hereby appointed Directors of said Lottery.

*M. Seamans*  
allowed £ 16  
10s. 12.

WHEREAS Mr. *Martin Seamans* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for searching the Brig, purchased by the Masters of Vessels who were Prisoners of War in this State, to proceed to *England*, and for stopping said Brig, and unbending and bringing her Sails to *Providence*, by Warrant from his Honor the Governor; for carrying Warrants to the several Colonels of Militia in the County of *Providence*, to call their Regiments together, in the late Alarm, and for divers other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Martin Seamans*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Stelle* al-  
lowed £ 13  
15s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Stelle* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash by him paid for sundry Stores, for the Use of the Cartel Sloop which went to *Block-Island*, to exchange Prisoners; for the Hire of Boats, and sundry Expences, while at *Block-Island*, and for his extraordinary Services, while in the Management of said Cartel, exclusive of monthly Pay, and for sundry Goods and Effects which he lost on *Rhode-Island*, in Consequence of his being absent on said Business; and also for his Wages as Adjutant, while in the Service of this State, from the Tenth of *October*, A. D. 1776, to the Eighteenth of *January*, A. D. 1777: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That so much of said Account as respects his extraordinary Services and Expences be allowed; and that said Sum, being *Thirteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Steele*, out of the General-Treasury; and that Mr. *John Smith* be and he is hereby directed to pay unto the said *Benjamin Stelle* the Wages due to him as Adjutant in the Service of this State.

*A. Page* al-  
lowed £ 3 5s.  
9d.

WHEREAS *Ambrose Page*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Loss upon an Anchor purchased for the *Washington* Galley: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Five Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ambrose Page*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Brown* to  
purchase  
Cannon.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Joseph Brown* be and he is hereby empowered to purchase sixteen Cannon, for the Use of the Regiment of Artillery ordered to be raised within this State, at a Rate not exceeding *Five Pounds per Hundred*; and that he draw Orders on the General-Treasurer for the Payment thereof.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS the standing Committee for auditing Accounts laid before State of D. this Assembly a State of the Account of *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of *Tillinghast's* the Committee of Safety, together with their Report thereon, as fol- Account.  
low, to wit.

*Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of  
*Rhode-Island, &c. Dr.*

1777. } Feb. 5. }	To Cash you received of <i>Henry Remsen</i> , Esq; for a Carriage and a Pair of Horses, which <i>N. Miller</i> , Esq; sold <i>John Lawrence</i> , and which said <i>Miller</i> received his Pay for out of the Treasury, and it not being right the State should pay it, it is now charged,	£ 75 0 0
	To Errors in sundry Bills in your Accounts,	21 19 0
	To Cash received out of the General-Trea- sury, as <i>per</i> Certificate, at sundry Times, to this Day, from last Settlement,	3542 0 0

		3638 19 0
To Balance due to <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> , Esq; this Day,	204 19 10	
		£ 3843 18 10

Creditor.

1777. } Feb. 5. }	By your Account against the State,	£ 1890 16 6
	By the Muster-Roll, <i>Joseph Springer's</i> Company,	134 16 10
	By Ditto, <i>Zerobabel Westcott's</i> , and Part of some other Companies,	113 12 10
	By Ditto of the Ship-Carpenter's Company, commanded by Capt. <i>Bernard Eddy</i> , march- ing to <i>Ticonderoga</i> , on Account of the Con- tinent,	822 14 9

		2962 0 11
By your Commissions, at 1 per Cent.		29 12 4½
		£ 2991 13 3½

By a Bill of Disbursements,		
for the <i>Spitfire</i> Row-Gal- ley,	£ 408 14 9	
By Muster-Roll for Ditto,	435 2 0	

		843 16 9
By your Commissions, at 1 per Cent.	8 8 9½	
		852 5 6½
		£ 3843 18 10

*Providence, Feb. 5, 1777.* Errors excepted, for and in Behalf of  
*Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety,  
*Per* JOSEPH GREEN.

*Providence, Feb. 5, 1777.* This Day finished the Examination of the  
above Account, with the Vouchers.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND

*D. Tillinghast* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; that said Account be and the same is hereby allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Two Hundred and Four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Child* WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials provided, for Labour done, and sundry other Expences upon the flat-bottomed Boats, for the Use of this State: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

Cannon to be sent to *Westerly*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Twelve Pound Cannon, on a Field-Carriage, be for the present sent to secure the Sea-Coast upon the Town of *Westerly*, and that the same be used when needed in any other Town on the Sea-Coast.

*Z. Williams* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Drum belonging to Capt. *James Williams's* Company, and all the Stores on board the Ship *Marlborough*, belonging to this State, be delivered to *Zadock Williams*, to be by him delivered to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, he giving and taking Receipts for the same.

*Little-Compton* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Hundred Weight of Lead and Five Hundred Flints be delivered to *Percy Richmond*, by Mr. *John Smith*; and that *Ambrose Page*, Esq; deliver him Fifty Weight of Powder, for the Use of the Town of *Little-Compton*.

*W. Bradford* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby permitted to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money.

*A. Ballou* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Abraham Ballou* be and he is hereby appointed Ensign in the second Company of Militia of the Town of *Cumberland*, in the Room of *Abraham Cooke*, jun.

General Hospital regulated. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Director of the General Hospital in this State, and the Hospital Surgeon, be and they are hereby empowered to make such Appointments as are necessary for the Service, and respectively appertain to them, or either of them, to appoint, regulating their Numbers according to the Rules of the Continental Army, and in Proportion to the Number of Troops for which such Hospital shall be used: That their Mates respectively draw the same Pay and Rations as are allowed and drawn by Hospital Mates, in the General Hospitals of the Continental Army: That the Director agree with all others necessary for the Service, upon the best Terms he can, not exceeding the Pay and Rations allowed those in similar Stations in the Continental Hospitals. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That all Officers and Soldiers in the Service of this State, when in Hospital, draw their Rations from the Steward, according to the Regulations therefor.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Officers and Soldiers in the Militia, Alarm-List and Independent Companies, who may be draughted to do Duty within this State, agreeable to the Resolve of this Assembly, be not allowed any Rations when absent from their Duty on Furlough, or when in the Hospital. Officers and Soldiers not to receive Rations when absent.

WHEREAS it will be for the general Good and particular Advantage of this State, to tax the Inhabitants and rateable Estates therein: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That at the next Session of this Assembly a Tax shall be made, for such a Sum as it shall then be judged the State can bear: And that for the more equitable apportioning the same upon the several Towns, Thomas Church, Esq; Mr. John Brown, George Pierce, James Arnold, and Shearjashub Bourn, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to estimate their Difference in Value and Ability, since the last general Estimate was taken; and that said Committee make their Report to this Assembly on the third Day of the next Session. Committee to estimate Estates, &c.

WE the Subscribers beg Leave to protest against the Vote of this House, for estimating the Towns of *Newport, Portsmouth, New-Shoreham, Jamestown* and *Middletown*, upon the Tax proposed now to be levied upon the Inhabitants of this State, for the following Reasons: *First*, Because the said Towns at present are in the Hands of our Enemies, and it would appear preposterous to apportion a Tax on those Towns, until there is a Power to levy the same. *Secondly*, Because, while they are in Possession of the Enemy, it is impossible to make any satisfactory Judgment of the Value of the Estates, or the Capacity of the Inhabitants to pay such Tax. *Thirdly*, Nor can it be known what Waste may be made before the Enemy may be obliged to surrender them. *Fourthly*, Because Taxation and Representation ever ought to go Hand in Hand, an Idea an *American* ought never to depart from; but at present some of those Towns are entirely without Representation, and the others but partially represented. *Fifthly*, Because it must answer every desirable End, that their true Proportion of the present Tax be hereafter apportioned upon them, when it may be in our Power to levy it; and that it may be speedily in our Power is our most ardent Wish.

JOHN TANNER,  
BENJAMIN UNDERWOOD,  
JAMES CONGDON, 3d,  
IMMANUEL CASE.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. John Jenckes be requested to have the Small-Arms brought from *Bedford*, belonging to this State, cleaned and repaired. Small-Arms to be repaired.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs Jacob Greene and David Hoell be and they are hereby appointed forthwith to proceed to *Baltimore*, in *Maryland*, with the Accounts of this State against the Continent; and that they present the same, and apply to Congress for the Balance due to this State. Committee to go to Baltimore.

WHEREAS Jonathan Hazard, Esq; Paymaster to one of the Battalions ordered to be raised within this State, is now in the *Jerseys*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Charles Holden, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to officiate as Paymaster to said Battalion, until the Return of the said Jonathan Hazard. C. Holden appointed Paymaster.

*G. Pierce* to receive Powder, &c. for *Exeter*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. John Smith* deliver *Mr. George Pierce* Two Hundred Weight of Lead, and Four Hundred Flints; and that *Ambrose Page, Esq;* deliver him Fifty Weight of Powder, for the Use of the Town of *Exeter*.

*N. Smith* allowed £116*s*. WHEREAS *Mr. Noah Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying Acts of Assembly to the Counties of *Kent* and *King's County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Noah Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

State of *L. B. Bradford's* Account. WHEREAS *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Gideon Mumford, Esq;* two of the standing Committee for auditing Accounts, laid before this Assembly the Account of *Mr. Le Barron Bradford*, Commissary for the Troops stationed at *Bristol*, of which the following is a State; together with their Report thereon, as also follows, *to wit*:

Mr. <i>Le Barron Bradford</i> , Commissary, to the State of <i>Rhode-Island, &amp;c.</i> Dr.		
1777. } To Cash you received of the General-Trea- }	£	600 0 0
Jan. 15. } surer, as per his Certificate,		
	To Cash received of your Father <i>William</i> }	965 11 0
	<i>Bradford</i> ,	
	To an Overcast in <i>William Arwin's</i> Account,	13 0 0
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		1578 11 0
Creditor.		
By Amount of your Account of fundries,		1578 9 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Balance due to the State,		0 1 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
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		£ 1578 11 0

*Providence, Jan. 18, 1777.* Errors excepted,  
Per *LE BARRON BRADFORD*.

*Providence, Jan. 18, 1777.* This Day finished the Adjustment of the above Account.

*NATHANIEL MUMFORD,*  
*GIDEON MUMFORD.*

*L. B. Bradford* to pay 1*s*. 8*d.*  $\frac{1}{4}$  into the Treasury. AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That said Account be and the same hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *One Shilling and Eightpence One Farthing* Lawful Money, due from the said *Le Barron Bradford* to the State, be by him paid into the General-Treasury.

Petition of *C. Whipple, &c.* granted. WHEREAS Messieurs *Christopher Whipple* and *John Therlo* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That on the Twenty-sixth Day of *January* last, being bound from *Turks-Island* to the Port of *Providence*, with a Cargo of Salt, Lead, Iron, Cotton-Wool, &c. they were steering for the Harbour of *Newport*, not knowing the Enemy were in Possession thereof, until they discovered their Shipping; that they sent a Boat on Shore to make Enquiry, and being informed they were Part of the Enemy's Fleet, they put the Vessel about, and steered for the Eastern Sound, being pursued by two of the Enemy's Ships; that in order to escape them, they again put about and steered for the Western Sound, when they presently

sently discovered eleven Sail of the Enemy's Fleet coming down Sound, standing for *Newport*, who fired upon them; that being still pursued by the two Vessels aforesaid, they were reduced to the Necessity of running the Vessel aground on *Point-Judith* Shore; that in order to save their Effects from falling into the Hands of the Enemy, they cut away their Mast, and got the Sails and some of her Rigging ashore, with two Bags of Cotton-Wool, and a Number of other Articles, when the Enemy getting Possession of the Vessel, set her on Fire about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, and immediately left her, upon which the said *John Therlo*, with some Assistance, extinguished the Fire about Two o'Clock the same Night, and went about getting the Salt on Shore, a Quantity of which was saved, as was also a Quantity of the Iron, Cotton-Wool, Part of a Cask of Rum, a Cask of Porter, and a Number of other Articles, which are now in the Hands of *Stephen Potter*, of *South-Kingstown*, and other Persons, who unjustly detain the same from them: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to appoint a suitable Committee to make Examination respecting the Premises, with Power to act and determine thereon, as to Right and Justice shall appertain.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that *John Northup*, Esq; *Mr. Robert Stevens*, jun. and *Col. Richard Fry*, be the Committee for the Purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS *Mr. Joshua Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, *7. Burr* allowed £: 3: by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expenses, in carrying Acts of Assembly to the several Town-Clerks and Colonels of Militia, in the County of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joshua Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee for auditing Accounts laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of *John Northup*, Esq; together with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*: State of 7: Northup's Account,

*John Northup*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

1777. To Balance due to the State, on Settlement of your last Accounts,	}	£ 22 19 4
To Cash you received of the Treasurer to Jan. 23, 1777, as per Certificate,		
		3560 0 0
		<hr/> 3582 19 4
	Creditor.	
1777. By Amount of your Account,		3510 0 5
By Commissions on £ 3500 at 1 per Cent.		35 0 0
		<hr/> 3545 0 5
Balance due to the State,		37 18 11
		<hr/> £ 3582 19 4

*Providence, Jan. 23, 1777.* Errors excepted,

Per JOHN NORTHUP.

*Providence,*

*Providence, Jan. 24, 1777.* This Day finished the Examination of the above Account and Vouchers.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*J. Northup to pay £ 37 18 s. 11 d. into the Treasury.* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Account be and it is hereby allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Thirty-seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, due from the said *John Northup* to the State, be by him paid into the General-Treasury.

*P. Gray to receive Powder, &c. for Tiverton.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* deliver to Mr. *Pardon Gray* Two Hundred Weight of Lead, and Five Hundred Flints; and that *Ambrose Page*, Esq; deliver him Fifty Weight of Powder, for the Town of *Tiverton*.

*Gun-Carriages to be purchased.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Joseph Brown* be and he is hereby empowered to purchase the Carriages to the Guns he was directed to buy for the Use of this State.

*J. Northup to draw £ 1000 out of the Treasury.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Cordray to draw £ 12 out of the Treasury.* WHEREAS *James Cordray*, one of the Prisoners who arrived in the last Flag, hath represented to this Assembly, that he was sailing Master on board the Ship *Defence*, fitted out and belonging to the State of *Maryland*; and hath requested that a Grant be made to him of a Sum of Money, sufficient to defray his Expences to *Maryland*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *James Cordray*, out of the General-Treasury; and that he draw a Bill for said Sum on *Matthew Tilghman*, Esq; President of the Convention of the State of *Maryland*, in Favour of this State, payable to the General-Treasurer, or to his Order.

*Cannon, &c. to be sent to N. and S. Kingstown.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That one Nine-Pound Cannon be allowed to each of the Towns of *North-Kingstown* and *South-Kingstown*, with Field-Carriages, and the necessary Stores for the same.

*G. Mumford allowed £ 24* WHEREAS *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; one of the Committee for auditing Accounts, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in settling a Number of Accounts, at *East-Greenwich*; for the Use of his House, Firing and Candles, provided for the Committee, and for his Service, Horse-hire and Expences, at *Providence*, Twenty-one Days, in settling a Number of Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Congdon, 3d. to draw £ 1000 out of the Treasury.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *James Congdon*, 3d, one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That one Nine-Pound Cannon, with a Field-Cannon to be sent to  
Carriage, and the necessary Stores for the same, be allowed to the Town of Charlestown.  
Charlestown.

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Hire of his Horse, and for his Expences and Service, as one of the Committee of Audit, in settling and adjusting a Number of Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Pounds Nine Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.  
T. Greene allowed £ 18 9 s

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Price of refined Iron be not more than *Fifty Shillings per Hundred*, and for Bog or Brittle Iron not more than *Thirty-nine Shillings per Hundred*; and that the Price of single refined Loaf Sugar, by the Hundred, shall not exceed *One Shilling and Sixpence per Pound*, and by the single Loaf, *One Shilling and Eightpence per Pound*.  
Price of Iron and Loaf Sugar Rated.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Shillings per Day* be allowed to each of the standing Committee, in full for their Services and all Expences.  
Allowance to the Standing Committee.

WHEREAS *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford*, one of the standing Committee, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Horse-hire and Expences, and for his Time in settling and adjusting a Number of Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nineteen Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.  
N. Mumford allowed £ 19 6 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS the standing Committee for auditing Accounts laid before this Assembly the Account of *Col. Joseph Stanton*, of which the following is a State, with their Report thereon, as also follows, *to wit*:  
State of J. Stanton's Account.

*Col. Joseph Stanton*, as one of the Committee of Safety, to the State of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr.

To Amount of Cash allowed in a former Account, per Capt. Royzel Smith's Receipt,	}	£	350	0	0
To Ditto allowed in a former Account, per Lieut. John Pierce's Receipt,					

	474	4	0
Balance due,	827	8	1

1301	12	1
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Commissions on the above Balance.

	8	5	5
	827	8	1
£	835	13	6

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Creditor.

February, 1777.

Creditor.

By your Account of sundries,	£ 785 5 1
By Cash paid Royzel Smith, per Receipts,	516 7 0
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	£ 1301 12 1

Providence, Feb. 10, 1777. Errors excepted,  
Per JOSEPH STANTON, jun.

THIS Tenth Day of February, 1777, we finished the Examination of the above Account and Vouchers, and find due to Col. Joseph Stanton, Eight Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence, as appears above.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*J. Stanton, jun. allowed £ 835 13 s. 6 d.* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that the Balance, being *Eight Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said Joseph Stanton, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

*State of J. Congdon's, 3d. Account.* WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, Esquires, the standing Committee for auditing Accounts, laid before this Assembly a State of the Account of James Congdon, 3d, as one of the Committee of Safety, together with their Report thereon, as foilow, *to wit*:

Mr. James Congdon, 3d, to the State of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr.	
1777. } To Cash you received of the General-Trea-	£ 1300 0 0
Feb. 10. } surer, as per his Certificate,	
Balance due to James Congdon, 3d,	48 14 3½
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	1348 14 3½

Creditor.

By Amount of your Account, having deducted the } Overcharges,	1335 7 3½
By Commissions on £ 1335 7 s. at 1 per Cent.	13 7 0
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	£ 1348 14 3½

Providence, Feb. 10, 1777. Errors excepted,  
Per JAMES CONGDON, 3d.

Feb. 10, 1777. This Day finished settling and examining the foregoing Account, with the Vouchers.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*J. Congdon, 3d, allowed £ 48 14 s. 3 d. ½* AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance of the above Account, being *Forty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said James Congdon, 3d, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to draught a Letter to his Excellency General Washington, laid the same before this Assembly:  
Which



Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is approved; and that a fair Copy thereof be made, and forwarded to his Excellency, as soon as may be.

*Draught of a Letter to General Washington approved. Draught of a Letter to General Greene approved.*

WHEREAS the same Committee, who were also appointed to prepare the Draught of a Letter to the Honorable General Greene, laid the same before this Assembly: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is approved of: That a fair Copy thereof be made out and forwarded, as soon as may be, to the Honorable General Greene.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Stephen Mumford, as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Two Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Mumford to draw £ 2000 out of the Treasury.*

WHEREAS John Collins, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a flat-bottomed Boat by him procured to be built in the Town of *Newport*, for the Use of said State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-four Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said John Collins, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Collins allowed £ 24*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the striped Flannels in the Hands of Daniel Rodman, Esq; belonging to this State, be delivered by him to Daniel Tillinghast, Esq; excepting the Two Hundred and Fifty Yards heretofore ordered to be delivered to John Northup, Esq;

*Flannels to be delivered to D. Tillinghast.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sloop *Florida*, whereof Oliver Gardner is Master, be permitted to proceed to *Hispaniola*, under the Regulations and Restrictions which Vessels have been heretofore permitted to sail by the Council of War.

*Sloop Florida permitted to sail.*

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An A C T in Addition to an Act, passed the last Session of Assembly, for preventing Monopolies and Oppression.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That each and every Town within this State, where *European* or *East-India* Goods are sold either by Wholesale or Retail, be and they are hereby empowered and directed to call a Town-Meeting, to appoint a Committee, consisting of three judicious Persons, who have been used to the *European* Trade, either two of whom to be a Quorum, whose Business it shall be on Application to adjudge and determine whether such Goods are sold at a higher Price than by said Act is allowed; and if the said Committee shall adjudge that said Articles were sold contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of said Act, they shall give a Certificate thereof to the Person who applies for the same, paying to said Committee *Three Shillings* thereof. Whereupon the Person having such Certificate shall prosecute the Seller of said Articles, as by said Act is directed; and if he shall be convicted, the *Three Shillings* aforesaid shall be taxed in the Bill of Cost against the Offender.

*Act in Addition to the Act for preventing Monopolies and Oppression.*

AND

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the Seller of such Goods by Wholesale shall make out an Invoice thereof, at the Sterling Cost of the Articles sold, with his Advance thereon, and deliver the same to the Buyer, under the Penalty of the Sum at which said Articles are sold; and the Retailer shall also, if requested by the Buyer, make out and give an Invoice of the Goods, with the Sterling Cost, and the Advance.

*PROVIDED nevertheless*, That if said Goods have not been imported directly from *Europe*, but from the *West-Indies*, or any other Port or Place, not being in *Europe*, that then the Wholesale Dealer shall be excused from making out an Invoice with the Sterling Cost, but shall give an Invoice with the Cost at the Port or Place where they were purchased; and the said Committee shall adjudge and determine the Sterling Cost, if any Dispute ariseth thereon.

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Captains of  
the Militia to  
make Oath  
to the Truth  
of their Ab-  
stracts.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Captains or other Officers commanding Companies, in the Service of this State, in future, upon exhibiting the Abstracts for their respective Companies to their Colonel or other Field-Officer, to be certified, shall before such Field-Officer make solemn Oath, that the State of said Companies, and all Charges and Returns therein contained, are just and true: And the several Field-Officers within this State are hereby empowered and required to administer such Oath before any Abstract be certified; and that such Oath having been made as aforesaid, be by them mentioned in their Certificates.

R. Lawton  
to superin-  
tend the  
printing  
Treasurer's  
Notes.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Robert Lawton be and he is hereby appointed to superintend the Press, in striking the Treasurer's Notes, in the Room of the General-Treasurer, in order that he may attend to sign said Notes.

P. Randal's  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. Peter Randal preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That his Son Joseph Randal hath been draughted as a Soldier: That notwithstanding his alledging that his State of Body, being bursten, he apprehended would not admit of his serving as a Soldier, were his Principles such as would suffer him to act, he had his Property distrained from him and sold at Vendue, for Four Pounds Two Shillings Lawful Money: That his Person hath since been committed to Prison, where he now remains; and that in order to evince that the Practice of War is against his religious Principles, he is ready to take the Affirmation lately passed by this Assembly; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to take his singular Case into Consideration, and grant him a Release and Dismission from Prison.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same hereby is granted.

J. Smith to  
pay J. Law-  
rence £ 11  
15 s.

WHEREAS Mr. Joseph Lawrence laid before this Assembly an Account, charged against the State, for boarding two Officers of Col. Holman's Regiment stationed in the Town of Providence: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Eleven Pounds Fifteen Shillings Lawful Money, be paid unto the said Joseph Lawrence, by Mr. John Smith.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the said *Joseph Lawrence* laid before this Assembly another Account, charged against the State, for boarding *Ebenezer Waters*, Quarter-Master of the Regiment from the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, stationed in the Town of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Five Pounds Eight Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Lawrence*, by Mr. *John Smith*. *J. Smith* to pay *J. Lawrence* £ 5 8 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nicholas Tillinghast* is at this Time at *Boston*, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, immediately on his Return, apprehend and carry him before the Council of War, who are requested to make such Order respecting him, as to them shall seem right, and most for the Safety of the State. *N. Tillinghast* to be had before the Council of War.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Lindsey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Blanket, by him furnished, by Order of the Town-Council of *Providence*, to a Soldier in Capt. *Jonatban Russell's* Company, who was unable to furnish himself: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin Lindsey*, out of the General-Treasury. *B. Lindsey* allowed 18 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *George Irish* be removed to the Town of *Warwick*: and that he confine himself within the same Limits, and under the same Restrictions, as *John Weeden* hath been confined, by a Resolve of this Assembly. *G. Irish* to be removed to *Warwick*.

WHEREAS *James Arnold, jun. Esq;* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding and nursing two sick Prisoners brought from *Newport*, and landed at *Paulusset*, and for washing and cleaning the Cloathing of five other sick Prisoners: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Arnold, jun.* out of the General-Treasury. *J. Arnold, jun.* allowed £ 5 6 s.

WHEREAS *William Potter, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Labourer's Bills by him paid, for Work done on the Court-House in *King's County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General-Treasury. *W. Potter* allowed £ 21 2 s. 1 d.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, that *Elisb. Sisson*, a Person suspected of being inimical to the United States, hath enlisted into one of the Regiments from the State of *Connecticut*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable General *Spencer* be made acquainted therewith; and that he make such Order respecting him, as may be most for the Safety of this State. Resolve respecting *E. Sisson*.

WHEREAS the Powder made in this State is unfit for Use, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Caleb Harris, Esq;* take a Sample thereof to *Connecticut*, and apply to *Nathaniel Wales, Esq;* to be informed whether the same may be made into good Powder; and that he procure a proper Person to execute the Business, if practicable. *C. Harris* to apply to *N. Wales*, respecting the Powder made in this State.

Money to be paid to the Prisoners who lately arrived from *Newport*.

WHEREAS a Number of Prisoners have arrived in the Town of *Providence*, in the Cartel Vessel from *Newport*, and as they belong to and are Subjects of the United States, and live in different Governments, and are entirely destitute of Money and other Necessaries, this Assembly think that it is absolutely necessary, from a Motive of Compassion, that some Provision be made, in order to enable them to proceed to their respective Homes, Families and Friends: Wherefore *Resolved*, That *Thomas Wells*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to make Enquiry into the Circumstances attending each Person, and make an Estimate what Sum of Money will be absolutely necessary for their Subsistence, until they can get to their several Homes, making Allowance for the charitable Reception they may receive upon the Roads, and make immediate Report thereof, in order that said Sums may be paid out of the General-Treasury, to be distributed among them.

Independent Companies, Militia, &c. considered as doing Duty upon an Alarm.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this General Assembly consider the present Draught of Independent Companies, Alarm Companies, and Companies of Militia, as doing Duty upon an Alarm, in every respect.

*D. Tillinghast* to advance Money to the Prisoners lately received.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Continental Agent be and he is hereby requested to advance to the Prisoners lately arrived in the Cartel from *Newport*, the Sum of *Fifty Dollars*, in such Proportion as their Distance from Home, and other Circumstances, may appear to require; and that they be recommended to the States through which they may pass.

*R. Smith* to apply to *D. Tillinghast* for the Money he advanced to the Soldiers, who have since entered on board the Fleet.

WHEREAS Capt. *Royzel Smith* represented unto this Assembly, that a Number of Soldiers whom he had enlisted, and to each of whom he had advanced Monies in Consequence thereof, have since their Enlistments as aforesaid entered on board the Continental Ships within this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Continental Agent within this State, be and he is hereby requested to pay to the said *Royzel Smith* the Monies he has so advanced, he producing sufficient Vouchers of his having paid the same; and that the said *Daniel Tillinghast* deduct the same from their Wages.

Adjournment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session; that the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of each County in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the First *Monday* of *March* next, then to meet at *Providence*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

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WITNESS,

*Henry Ward*

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Monday* in *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Governor.*

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;  
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;  
AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
DANIEL CAHOON, Esq;  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;  
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;  
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.*

NEWPORT:  
Mr. John Tanner.

PROVIDENCE:  
Mr. John Brown,  
Theodore Foster, Esq;

PORTSMOUTH:  
None.

WARWICK:  
Mr. Thomas Holden.

WESTERLY:  
Joshua Babcock, Esq;  
Col. Joseph Noyes.

NEW-SHOREHAM:  
None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:  
John Northup, Esq;  
Major Sylvester Gardner.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:  
Immanuel Case, Esq;  
Daniel Rodman, Esq;

EAST-GREENWICH:  
Job Comstock, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast.

JAMESTOWN:  
Capt. Samuel Carr,  
Benjamin Underwood, Esq;

SMITHFIELD:  
Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;  
Capt. Andrew Waterman.

SCITUATE:  
Mr. Christopher Potter.

GLOUCESTER:  
Richard Steere, Esq;

CHARLESTOWN:  
Col. Gideon Hoxsie,  
Mr. James Congdon, 3d.

WEST-GREENWICH:  
Mr. Samuel Hopkins.

COVENTRY:  
Mr. Ephraim Westcot,  
Mr. John Greene.

EXETER:  
George Peirce, Esq;  
Jeffery Wilcox, Esq;

MIDDLETOWN:  
None.

BRISTOL:  
Mr. Nathaniel Pearce.

TIVERTON:  
None.

LITTLE-COMPTON:  
Perez Richmond, Esq;  
Mr. Nathaniel Church.

WARREN:  
Mr. Cromel Child.

CUMBERLAND:  
John Dexter, Esq;  
Mr. Elisha Waterman.

RICHMOND:  
Mr. Simeon Clarke.

CRANSTON:  
Mr. William Field.

HOPKINTON:  
Mr. John Larkin,  
Thomas Wells, Esq;

JOHNSTON:  
Caleb Harris, Esq;  
Abraham Belknap, Esq;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:  
Mr. Joseph Olney,  
Mr. Benjamin Sheppard.

BARRINGTON:  
Mr. Moses Tyler.

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.



WHEREAS *Caleb Harris*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences to *Windham*, to consult with Mr. *Elderkin*, respecting the Powder made in this State : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Caleb Harris*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Harris* al-  
lowed £ 3  
10 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Robinson*, jun. preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that as Deputy-Sheriff for *King's County*, he had sundry Executions, to the Amount of about *Two Hundred Dollars*, against one *Lewis Crandall*, late of *Westerly*, in said County, returnable to *August Court* in said County ; that just before the Return-Day of said Executions the said *Lewis* ran away, whereby he was made liable, and has actually paid said Sums ; and that he has since received *Twenty-seven Pounds* Lawful Money on an Execution, in Favour of said *Crandall*, which he has now in his Hands, and thereupon prayed that he might keep said Sum in his Hands, on executing and delivering unto the said *Lewis Crandall*, or lodging in the Hands of the Clerk of the Inferior Court of said County, a proper and legal Discharge for said Sum, to be deducted from the Sum he has been obliged to pay for the said *Lewis Crandall*.

Petition of *J. Robinson*, jun. against *L. Crandall* granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted ; and that the said *Robinson* pay the Bill of Cost, if included in the Sum mentioned, to the Attorney or proper Officer, to whom it doth of Right belong.

WHEREAS Mr. *Bela Elderkin* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences from *Windham* to *Providence*, to examine the Powder manufactured in this State, for his Expences while performing said Service, and until his Return to said *Windham* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Bela Elderkin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Elderkin* allowed £ 7  
8 s. 5 d.

WHEREAS a Quantity of Flour, lately arrived from *Philadelphia*, hath been seized by a Warrant from General *Varnum*, for the Use of the Troops within this State ; and whereas it hath been represented to this Assembly, that the said Flour, or a great Part of it, is the Property of Persons now on *Rhode-Island*, who are suspected of being inimical to the United States : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be recommended to Mr. *Parson Gray*, Deputy-Commissary, that he do not pay for said Flour until this Assembly can obtain further Information respecting the same.

Flour seized by General *Varnum* not to be paid for, till further Orders.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Peirce* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Expences of himself and Aid, in bringing to *Providence* two Persons who came from *Rhode-Island* to *North-Kingstown*, and for the Expences of the said two Persons : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being

*G. Peirce* al-  
lowed £ 1  
7 s. 6 d.

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*One Pound Seven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Peirce*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Irish and J. Weeden* to attend the Assembly. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Irish*, and *John Weeden*, attend this Assembly, on *Wednesday*, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, it having been represented to this Assembly, that they are desirous of being further heard respecting their Confinement in the Town of *Warwick*.

*J. Hill* to be released. WHEREAS *Jonathan Hill*, now under Guard, is very sick; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *General Spencer* be requested to release said *Hill*, upon sufficient Bond being given for his Appearance when called for.

Committee to draught Acts respecting Desertion, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Theodore Foster*, *Caleb Harris*, and *Daniel Rodman*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise the Acts for preventing the Desertion of Soldiers, who may enlist in any Regiments ordered to be raised by this State; and that they draught an Act for punishing any Person, who after having enlisted into any Regiment within this State, shall contrary to Law again enlist into the same, or any other Regiment, and receive a second Bounty.

*B. West* to apprehend *J. Parker, jun.* a Deserter. WHEREAS *Jacob Parker, jun.* a Soldier in one of the Regiments ordered to be raised within this State, re-enlisted in one of said Regiments, and received a second Bounty, and the said *Jacob* hath since deserted, and enlisted in one of the Continental Battalions in the State of *Connecticut* *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Capt. Benjamin West* forthwith proceed to *Connecticut*, and take with him the said *Jacob's* Enlistments within this State; that he apply to the Officer who enlisted him in the said State of *Connecticut*, and acquaint him with his previous Enlistments, and request his Discharge; that he pay any Monies that may have been advanced as a Bounty to the said *Jacob*, if he be discharged, which shall be deducted from his Wages, or otherwise that he request Payment of the Money advanced him by this State; and that if the said *Jacob* be discharged, the said *Benjamin* be directed to bring him within this State, and commit him to Gaol, that he may be dealt with according to Law.

*J. Larkin* to sell a Horse, left in his Hands by *J. Parker, jun.* WHEREAS *Mr. John Larkin* hath represented unto this Assembly, that he apprehended one *Jacob Parker, jun.* who had received two Bounties, and had deserted from one of the Regiments ordered to be raised by this State; that being unable to commit him to Gaol at the Time he apprehended him, he released him, upon the said *Parker's* delivering him a Horse, as a Security for his Appearance within a limited Time; and that although said Time had elapsed, the said *Parker* hath not surrendered himself to the said *John Larkin*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Larkin* dispose of the said Horse at public Vendue, unless any Person, other than the said *Parker*, should appear before the Sale, and prove his Property in said Horse; that he notify the Sale three Weeks in the *Providence Gazette*; and that if he dispose of said Horse, he pay the Money arising from the Sale thereof (after deducting the Charges) into the General-Treasury.

*J. Smith* to furnish *Capt. Gibbs* with Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, six Blankets, and six Knapfacks, for the Use of the Soldiers in his Company. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. John Smith* furnish *Capt. Josiah Gibbs* with six Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, six Blankets, and six Knapfacks, for the Use of the Soldiers in his Company.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety within this State be and they are hereby directed to pay the Wages of the Officers in the Regiment late under the Command of Col. Lippitt, from the Twenty-sixth of August, to the First of September, A. D. 1776, being five Days, Col. Lippitt have assured this House, that the same hath not been paid them by any Continental Officer.

Arreages to Col. Lippitt's Officers to be paid.

WHEREAS Mr. Paul Allen exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences, Monies by him advanced, and sundry Disbursements, in fitting the Sloop *Diamond* for Baltimore, on Account of the State : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said Paul Allen, out of the General-Treasury.

P: Allen allowed £ 250 4<sup>l</sup>. 4<sup>s</sup>. ½<sup>d</sup>.

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration the following Declaration of Independency of the Thirteen United States of America, made on the Fourth of July last, and Resolution of Congress passed on the Eighteenth of January last, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be entered on the public Records of this State.

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

*The unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of AMERICA.*

WHEN, in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation.

Declaration of Independence.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal ; that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights ; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness ; that to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed ; that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that Governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient Causes ; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves, by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies ; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

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HE has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

HE has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

HE has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

HE has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

HE has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

HE has refused, for a long Time after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their Exercise; the State remaining, in the mean Time, exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

HE has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

HE has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

HE has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

HE has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance.

HE has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

HE has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

HE has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent :

For depriving us in many Cases of the Benefits of Trial by Jury .

For transporting us beyond Seas, to be tried for pretended Offences .

For abolishing the free System of *English* Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies :

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments :

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection, and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries, to compleat the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with Circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our Fellow-Citizens, taken Captive on the high Seas, to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers the merciless *Indian* Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all Ages, Sexes, and Conditions.

In every Stage of these Oppressions we have petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms : Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every Act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our *British* Brethren. We have warned them, from Time to Time, of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them, by the Ties of our common Kindred, to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

WE,

March, 1777.

WE, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of *America*, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, Do, in the Name and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the *British* Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of *Great-Britain* is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of Right do. And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

JOHN HANCOCK.

GEORGIA. *Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton.*

NORTH-CAROLINA. *William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn.*

SOUTH-CAROLINA. *Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, jun. Thomas Lynch, jun. Arthur Middleton.*

MARYLAND. *Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton.*

VIRGINIA. *George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, jun. Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton.*

PENNSYLVANIA. *Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross.*

DELAWARE. *Cesar Rodney, George Read.*

NEW-YORK. *William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris.*

NEW-JERSEY. *Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clarke.*

NEW-HAMPSHIRE. *Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton.*

MASSACHUSETTS-BAY. *Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert-Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry.*

RHODE-ISLAND, &c. *Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery.*

CONNECTICUT. *Roger Shearman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott.*

IN CONGRESS, January 18, 1777.

ORDERED,

THAT an authenticated Copy of the Declaration of Independency, with the Names of the Members of Congress subscribing the same, be sent to each of the United States; and that they be desired to have the same put on Record.

By Order of Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

ATTEST, CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'y.

A TRUE COPY: JOHN HANCOCK, President.

Committee to  
make a Pre-  
sent to the  
Indian Chiefs.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs John Brown and Henry Ward be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to lay out a Sum, not exceeding Fifty Pounds Lawful Money, in a Present to the six Oneida Indians, who were before this Assembly this Morning.

IT

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Two Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Smith* to draw £2000 out of the Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *James Congdon*, 3d, as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Congdon*, 3d, to draw £1500 out of the Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Northup* to draw £1500 out of the Treasury.

WHEREAS *John Wells* and *Waterman Williams*, two of the Workmen at the Paper-Mill, are drawn to serve the State as Militia-Men, in the Third Division; and this Assembly is informed, that if said Men are taken from the Mill, the State will be deprived of Cartridge-Paper, which is at present very much wanted: *It therefore Voted and Resolved*, That they be discharged from said Service.

*J. Wells* and *W. Williams* excused from Duty in the Militia.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who enlisted in the Continental Battalions ordered to be raised within this State, before the additional Bounty was allowed by this Assembly to the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who should enlist in said Battalions, be allowed the said additional Bounty.

Bounty to the Soldiers in the Continental Battalions.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly, for confining *John Weeden* to the Town of *Warwick*, be and it is hereby repealed, with this Proviso, that the said *John Weeden* give his Parole to his Honor the Governor, that he will not go or attempt to go upon any of the Islands in the Bay, without having Leave from this Assembly therefor.

*J. Weeden* released from his Confinement.

WHEREAS Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*, Continental Agent, hath represented unto this Assembly, that *Jonathan Sprague* had agreed to supply the Navy-Hospital, in *Providence*, with Wood; and thereupon requested he might be released from serving in the Militia until he has compleated the Agreement: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Request be and the same is hereby granted.

*J. Sprague* excused from Duty in the Militia.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety deliver to the Officers in the Continental Battalions and Fifteen Months Regiments, so much of the Cloathing allowed the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of said Battalions and Regiments, as the said non-commissioned Officers and Privates, by them enlisted, shall be in immediate Want of.

Committee of Safety to furnish the Soldiers with Cloathing, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Small-Arm belonging to Mr. *Stephen Jenckes* be purchased by this State, and presented to one of the Chiefs of the *Oneida* Nation, now within this State.

A Gun to be purchased of *S. Jenckes*.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Brown*, one of the Committee appointed to make a Present to the *Oneida* Indians, presented unto this Assembly an Account thereof: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Twenty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Brown*, out of the General-Treasury: And that *Twelve Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Capt. *Stephen Jenckes*, for a Gun purchased of him, and made a Present of to said Indians.

*J. Brown* allowed £26 13s. 3d. and *S. Jenckes* £12.

March, 1777.

G. Telfe and  
J. Sheffield  
excused from  
Duty.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to the Independent Company of *Kingston Reds*, that they excuse *George Telfe* and *Jeremiah Sheffield* (who are employed in making and stocking Guns) from doing Service in said Company, in the third Division of Independent Companies.

H. Marchant  
allowed  
£ 100.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Marchant*, Esq; appointed a Delegate to represent this State at the General Congress.

J. Haszard  
to draw  
£ 1000 out  
of the Treas-  
ury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Jonathan Haszard*, Paymaster to one of the Continental Battalions ordered to be raised within this State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, for paying the Bounties allowed to Soldiers who shall enlist into said Battalions.

M. Field al-  
lowed £ 1  
10 s.

WHEREAS *Mrs. Mehitable Field* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the State, for boarding and nursing *John Hawkins*, a sick Soldier, in Service within this State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Mehitable Field*, out of the General-Treasury.

Cloathing to  
be delivered  
to C. Carr.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. John Smith* deliver to *Capt. Caleb Carr* Twenty-six Coats, and Twenty-six Pair of Shoes and Stockings, for the Soldiers in his Company, as Part of the Bounty allowed them by this Assembly.

A. Comstock  
to carry the  
Indian Chiefs  
to Connecticut.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Andrew Comstock* proceed with his Sley and four Horses, to convey the six *Indian Chiefs* to the Honorable Governor *Trumbull's*, in *Connecticut*; and that he receive for his Services, in carrying the Chiefs and their Baggage, *Eighteen Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Sands al-  
lowed £ 12  
14 s. 8 d.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Sands* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding *Adjutant Stelle*, who went in the Sloop *Diamond* to *Block-Island*, to manage an Exchange of Prisoners; for boarding the Prisoners and People, and for sundry Necessaries by him supplied for the Use of said Sloop: And the said Account having been referred to *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esq; two of the standing Committee of Audit, who reported a Balance of *Twelve Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money due thereon: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that said Balance be paid unto the said *John Sands*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to estimate the several Towns, in order to apportion a Tax upon the Inhabitants of this State, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

Report of the  
Committee to  
estimate the  
several  
Towns.

“WE the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly, at their last Session at *Providence*, to form an Estimate of the several Towns within the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, and report the same to next Session of said Assembly, have accordingly met at the Court



Court-House in *Providence*, this Twenty-fifth Day of *February*, 1777, and after examining the former Estimate, as taken in the Year 1767, and maturely considering the several Alterations, as Additions to and Deductions of Property, in each Town within this State, do report the Value of each Town to be as follows, *to wit* :

<i>Newport,</i>	£ 229176	
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	89531	
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	20947	
<i>Jamestown,</i>	34531	
<i>Middletown,</i>	66876	
<i>Tiverton,</i>	73211	
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	64798	
	<hr/>	£ 579070
<i>Providence,</i>	225524	
<i>Smithfield,</i>	108785	
<i>Scituate,</i>	80861	
<i>Gloucester,</i>	70555	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	40992	
<i>Cranston,</i>	74806	
<i>Johnston</i>	31000	
<i>North-Providence,</i>	29512	
	<hr/>	662035
<i>Westerly,</i>	58485	
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	95653	
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	184456	
<i>Charlestown,</i>	48237	
<i>Richmond,</i>	39041	
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	52513	
<i>Exeter,</i>	54359	
	<hr/>	532744
<i>Bristol,</i>	50000	
<i>Warren,</i>	20000	
<i>Barrington,</i>	22575	
	<hr/>	92575
<i>Warwick,</i>	100326	
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	56003	
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	37830	
<i>Coventry,</i>	50788	
	<hr/>	244947
	<hr/>	£ 2111371

*Providence, February 25, 1777.*

THOMAS CHURCH,  
SHEARJASHUB BOURN,  
JOHN BROWN,  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun.  
GEORGE PIERCE."

AND the said Report being duly considered, *Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That a Tax of *Sixteen Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money be assessed upon the Inhabitants, and proportioned according to this Estimate ; and that the standing Committee proportion said Sum, and draught a Bill accordingly.

"I THE Subscriber do beg Leave to protest against the Estimate, as now *S. Peters* apportioned by the Committee appointed for that Purpose ; it appearing to Protest,  
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me there is a manifest Error, as it is evident that from the present distressed Situation of the Town of *Bristol*, it is estimated at too high a Value; the Inhabitants being removed by Reason of the Troops being barracked in their Houses, and no Trade or Business of any Kind being by them done, they being under the disagreeable Necessity and the Expence of removing their Families and Effects, and hiring abroad Places for their Families to reside in; the Rivers and Bays being by the Author of universal Nature so situated, that the Ships of War of his *Britannic* Majesty, and the Tenders belonging to the same, can at all Times harass them, and keep the Inhabitants from their lawful Employment, unless the same standing Force should be kept up, which at all Times (while they are there stationed) renders their Houses and Estates to them in a great Measure useless. Under all these disadvantageous Circumstances it appears to me, and I think must to every reasonable Member, that the said Town is not able at present to pay so large a Tax as either of the Towns of *Warren* or *Barrington*; on these Considerations it is that I, as an Inhabitant of that Town, and a Member chosen by the free Suffrages of the same, and the State in general, to sit here to see Justice impartially administered, do protest in solemn Form against the said Apportionment.

SIMEON POTTER."

*Providence, March 8, 1777.*

*R. J. Helme* WHEREAS Mr. *Rowse J. Helme* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, allowed £ 16 by him charged against the State, for his Services Twenty-seven Days, as Clerk to the Council of War, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Rowse J. Helme*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Church* al- WHEREAS Col. *Thomas Church* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Cedar Boat purchased for the Guards at *Seconet* Point, and for six Oars provided for said Boat, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Church*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Church* al- WHEREAS the said *Thomas Church* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for Cash by him paid for carting a Chest of Arms from *Cambridge* to *Bristol*, for his Time and Expences in going to *Newport* to examine the Arms belonging to Colonels *Richmond* and *Lippitt's* Regiments, and for his Time and Expences, at *Providence*, as one of the Committee to estimate the Proportion of the several Towns, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Church*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to examine Abstracts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Church*, Esq; and Mr. *Cromel Child*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into any Abstracts that may be suspected to have been erroneously made out: That they be empowered to call before them the Officers who made the same; and that they make Report to this Assembly, or the Council of War, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *James Angell*, Esq; hath represented to this Assembly, that he hath brought in a large Quantity of Wood for the Use of the Troops, and the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*; and that he will bring in a further Quantity of Ten Cords of Wood, if he can be discharged from serving in the Third Division of the Militia, in which he hath been draughted: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That he be excused from doing Service, upon his bringing the above Quantity of Wood into the Town of *Providence*.

*J. Angell* excused from military Duty.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Twelve Pounds Lawful Money be allowed to *John Herrenden*, out of the General-Treasury, the same being in full for his Services as Armourer, from the last Day of *August*, to the last Day of *December*, A. D. 1776, exclusive of the Wages allowed him by the Continent.

*J. Herrenden* allowed £ 12.

WHEREAS *Richard Palmer*, Boat-Master, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service, and the Wages of the Men by him employed, in the Boats stationed at *Seconet Point*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Thirty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed to the said *Richard Palmer*, and the Men by him employed; and that *Thomas Church*, Esq; draw the same in their Behalf out of the General-Treasury.

Allowance to the Boatmen at *Seconet*.

WHEREAS *John Howland, jun. Jeremiab Ballard, 3d, Ichabod Ballard, Luke Ballard, Nathan Paine, jun. Elisba Herrenden, James Stone, Thomas Herrenden, jun. and Nathan Paine*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they are now Prisoners under Arrest, because they cannot actively comply with the Laws requiring of them military Duty: That the Council of War had extended to them the Benefit of a Law made and passed at the last Session for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and have referred them to this Assembly for Relief from Fines already incurred: And thereupon the said Petitioners prayed this Assembly to grant them a Dismission and Release from Imprisonment, that they may return to their Families and lawful Employments, where, they trust, by their Industry and circumspect Lives and Conversations, they shall continue to merit the Countenance and Protection of Government.

Petition of *J. Howland, &c.* granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petitioners, in their aforesaid Petition contained, be and the same is hereby granted.

WHEREAS *Noah Arnold, jun. and Seth Hunt*, preferred unto this Assembly their Petition, setting forth, that they are now Prisoners in the Gaol in *Providence*, for not appearing according to the late Draught of the Militia; that they have before the Council of War complied with a Law passed at the last Session, for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and are desirous to yield every Kind of Obedience to Civil Authority that is consistent with their Religion; and thereupon prayed to be released from the Fines already incurred by them.

Petition of *N. Arnold and S. Hunt* granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Noah Arnold, jun. and Seth Hunt*, be discharged from Gaol and from their Fines.

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WHEREAS

*A. Turner's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS *Amos Turner* preferred his Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he is now confined in Gaol, for a Fine of *Thirty-six Dollars*, incurred by his not appearing in the First Division of the Militia, in which he was draughted, and which being a Matter of Conscience, he could not find himself clear to pay, since which this Assembly have passed an Act for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, which at the Time he was draughted he had not the Advantage of, though he has since complied therewith; and thereupon prayed to be released from his present Confinement.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*A. Potter's*  
Petition  
granted.

WHEREAS *Asa Potter* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that he has been confined in Prison upwards of a Fortnight, because he could not for Conscience-Sake take up Arms; and thereupon prayed this Assembly that he might be released from his present Confinement.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that the said *Asa Potter* be discharged and dismissed from Gaol, upon his producing a Certificate of his taking the Affirmation, agreeable to the late Act of this Assembly.

*J. Hazzard*  
to draw  
2470 Dollars  
out of the  
Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Jonathan Hazzard* be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars* out of the General-Treasury, as Pay-Master to one of the Continental Battalions raising by this State.

*B. L. Peck-*  
*ham* appoint-  
ed Ensign.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin L. Peckham* be and he is hereby elected to the Office of Ensign, in the Company of Capt. *Royzel Smith*, in the second Battalion of Continental Troops raised by this State, in the Room of ——— *Kinyon*, who hath resigned.

Committee of  
Safety to pay  
Rations  
to the Offi-  
cers in Colo-  
nels *Noyes*  
and *Sands's*  
Regiments.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Officers and Soldiers in Col. *Noyes* and *Sands's* Regiments, who engaged in the Service of this State before a Commissary was appointed, and furnished themselves with Provisions, be allowed the Value of the Rations as allowed them by Congress, during the Time they furnished themselves as aforesaid; and that the same be paid them by the Committee of Safety, upon their producing Certificates of the Rations due to them as aforesaid from the said Colonels *Noyes* and *Sands*.

*Col. Tallman*  
permitted to  
resign his Ap-  
pointment.

WHEREAS Col. *Tallman* hath informed this Assembly, that Application hath been made to him to build a Continental Vessel, in the State of *Connecticut*, and hath requested the Advice of this Assembly respecting his engaging in said Service: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That he be advised to undertake the building of said Vessel; and that he be discharged from the Service of this State, at the Expiration of Twenty Days, or before that Time, upon his Application to the Council of War for that Purpose, if his Attendance should be required, for the Performance of the above mentioned Service, before the Expiration of said Twenty Days.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Mathewson*, one of the Town-Council of *Coven-* *J. Mathewson*  
*try*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *for allowed*  
the State, for a Number of Small-Arms, Bayonets, Cartouch-Boxes, *£ 50 5s.*  
Scabbards, and Belts, and for a Number of Blankets and Knapfacks, by  
him supplied for the Use of the State : And the said Account being duly  
examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is al-  
lowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty Pounds Five Shillings*  
Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Mathewson*, out of the Ge-  
neral-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esq; two of Report of the  
the standing Committee of Audit, presented unto this Assembly a State Committee  
of the Account of *Le Baron Bradford*, together with their Report thereon, upon *Le*  
which are as follow, *to wit :* *Baron Brad-*  
*ford's Ac-*  
*count.*

Mr. *Le Baron Bradford*, Commissary, to the State of *Rhode-Island*,  
*&c. Dr.*

1777. } To Balance due on your Account, settled }	£ 0 1 8½
March 7. } February last, }	
To Amount of Cash you received of the }	
General-Treasurer, per his Certificate, dat- }	600 0 0
ed February 7, 1777,	
To 1772 lb. Hides, at 3 d. £ 22 3 s.	
To 640 lb. Tallow, at 4 d. ½ 12	
	34 3 0
To 480 lb. Coffee, at 1 s. 4 d.	32 0 0
To over Charges,	1 3 9½
To over charged in Rations,	9 18 7½
	677 7 1
Balance due to <i>Le Baron Bradford</i> ,	817 19 3
	1495 6 4
Creditor.	
By Amount of his Account,	1464 19 1
By Commissions on £ 1464 19 s. at 1 per Cent.	14 12 1
By Commissions on £ 1578 11 s. being }	
the Amount of his Account last settled, }	15 15 2
on which no Commissions were charged, }	
	£ 1495 6 4

*Providence, March. 7, 1777. Errors excepted,*  
*Per LE BARON BRADFORD.*

EXAMINED the foregoing Account, and find the Balance due to *Le*  
*Baron Bradford* *Eight Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and*  
*Threepence* Lawful Money, if the Charge of *Seventeen Pounds Seventeen Shil-*  
*lings* for Clerks be allowed.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
That only *Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence* be allowed to the  
Clerks, and that the Sum of *Eight Hundred and Nine Pounds and Sixpence*  
Lawful Money, being the Balance due to the said *Le Baron Bradford*, be  
paid him out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Helme* appointed Ensign.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Robert Helme* be appointed an Ensign in Capt. *William Potter's* Company, in the second Battalion of the Continental Troops now raising in this State, in the Room of *Allen James*, who resigns.

*W. Channing* allowed £ 2 6s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Channing* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expenses, in attending on this Assembly as Assistant-Clerk at the last Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

Officers appointed, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Diamond* be appointed Brigade-Major of the Brigade in the Service of this State: That *Sion Martindale*, who hath the Care of the Forts, Stores and Ammunition in *Bristol*, have the Rank and Pay of Major: And that *Moses Turner* be Clerk to General *West*, with an Allowance of *Six Pounds per Month*.

*N. Mumford* allowed £ 9 12s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, one of the standing Committee of Audit, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services in finishing the Adjustment of the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, the Continental Accounts, and for his Attendance at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Robinson* to be paid for Flour, on proving his Property.

WHEREAS a Quantity of Flour, lately arrived in the Sloop *Sally*, *Henry Sowle* Master, from *Philadelphia*, hath been seized by a Warrant from General *Varnum* for the Use of the Troops, one Tenth Part whereof is claimed by Mr. *James Robinson*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That upon his proving his Right thereto to the Satisfaction of the General Assembly, he shall be paid the Value of his Part of said Flour, with the Interest accruing thereon.

*G. Mumford* allowed £ 4 16s.

WHEREAS *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; one of the standing Committee for auditing Accounts, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services in settling the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, and the Continental Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Gideon Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Greene* allowed £ 54 18s. 5d. ½

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for divers Articles of Provisions, Wood and other Necessaries by him furnished to the Troops stationed in this State, &c. And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the said *Thomas Greene* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services, as one of the Committee for auditing Accounts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Greene* allowed £ 9.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighty Dollars* be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; for purchasing Guns for the Use of the Poor of the Town of *Jamestown*.

*B. Underwood* allowed 80 Dollars.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences, to attend the Assembly at *February* Session as Clerk, and for three Quarters of a Ream of Paper for the Use of the House of Deputies: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Four Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Lyndon* allowed £ 3 4 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS *John Hide*, of *Hopkinton*, in the County of *King's County*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that on the Second Day of *December* last, he was left sick on *Rhode-Island*, being then a Soldier under Capt. *James Parker*, in Col. *Cooke's* Regiment, whereby he was reduced to great Strait and Difficulty; that he was obliged to sell his Cloaths for hard Money to pay his Board, which was *Fifteen Shillings-per Week*; and thereupon the said *John Hide* prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief.

*J. Hide's* Petition granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed to the said *John Hide*, in full for his Wages, Expences, &c.

WHEREAS Col. *Simeon Potter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for three Whale-Boats, taken by Order of General *Weß*, and Col. *Richmond*, for the Troops to go upon *Prudence*, at the Time it was attacked by *Wallace*; for two Whale-Boats, taken by Order of Governor *Bradford*, to go upon *Hog-Island*, to take off Stock, &c. for Cordage delivered *William Throop*, by Governor *Bradford's* Order, and for the Use of his careening Fall to draw Cannon, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-three Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money of said Account be allowed and paid the said *Simeon Potter*, out of the General-Treasury; and that the two Boats taken by Order of Government, and charged at *Twelve Pounds* in said Account, be not allowed, but that the same be hereafter accounted for.

*S. Potter* allowed £ 33 4 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS the Executors of *John Waterman*, late of *Providence*, deceased, laid before this Assembly an Account, charged by said *John Waterman* against the State, for his Time, and for Labour and sundry Materials by him provided for building a Powder-Mill for the Use of this State: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Three Hundred and Twenty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and*

*J. Waterman's* Executors allowed £ 324 11 s. 8 d.

*Eightpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the Executors of the said *John Waterman*, deceased, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Potter* allowed £ 14  
11 s.

WHEREAS *William Potter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged against him by *Charles Ward*, for priming the Sashes and glazing the Windows of the Court-House in *King's County*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Pounds Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Casey* allowed £ 23  
4 s. 1 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Silas Casey* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Expence of a Man and Horse, to go Express from *Greenwich* to *Providence*, by Order of *William Greene*, Esq; to inform the Governor of the Arrival of one of the Government's Salt-Vessels, and for the Storage of a Quantity of Salt: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-three Pounds Four Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Silas Casey*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Sayles, jun.* allowed £ 4  
10 s.

WHEREAS *John Sayles, jun.* Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse and Expences, three Journeys from *Bristol* to *Providence*, to attend the General Committee: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Sayles, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

*G Rounds* allowed £ 16  
5 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Rounds* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged by him against the State, for Carting done by him for the Service of the State: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Rounds*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Fenner and White* allowed £ 11  
8 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Fenner* and *White* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for a Quantity of Tallow Candles delivered *Thomas Greene*, Esq; for the Use of the Troops in *Bristol*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Fenner* and *White*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Williams* allowed £ 15  
17 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Andrew Williams* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Carting done by him for the Use of the Troops: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Andrew Williams*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Williams* allowed £ 9  
15 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Williams* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Carting by him done for the Use of the Troops: And the said Account having been duly examined,  
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*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Joseph Williams*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, *C. Child* al-  
by him charged against the State, for Materials by him provided for, <sup>lowed £ 10</sup>  
and Labour done in making some Repairs on the Galley *Washington*: <sup>21. 34.</sup>  
And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Re-*  
*solved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount  
thereof, being *Ten Pounds Two Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money,  
be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

THIS Assembly being under great Concern that no Attempt hath as yet  
been made against the Enemy upon *Rhode-Island*, which they consider as a  
great Disgrace to *New-England* in general, and to this State in particular, <sup>An Attack to  
be made on  
the Enemy at  
*Rhode-Island*.</sup>  
*Do Resolve*, That it be, and hereby is, strongly recommended to the  
Honorable Major-General *Spencer* (if it be any Way consistent with Pru-  
dence) to make an Attack upon the Enemy at *Rhode-Island*; and in that  
Case do engage, in Behalf of the Congress of the United States, to pay  
to all such Volunteers as he shall engage in such Attempt, the same Wages  
as are given to Soldiers in the Continental Service.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Officers and Soldiers who go upon  
*Rhode-Island* shall be entitled to a Reward of *One Thousand Dollars* for  
every *British* or foreign general Officer, *Two Hundred Dollars* for a Colo-  
nel, *One Hundred and Fifty Dollars* for a Lieutenant-Colonel, *One Hundred*  
*Dollars* for a Major, *Fifty Dollars* for every Captain, *Thirty Dollars* for  
every Subaltern, and *Twenty Dollars* for every Private, taken Prisoner, and  
brought off the Island as aforesaid, within Fifteen Days; and that said  
Reward be equally divided between Officers and Privates.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That those of the Inhabitants of *Rhode-*  
*Island* and *Jamestown*, who shall engage as Volunteers in an Attack on said  
Island, form themselves into Companies of not less than Thirty-two Men,  
and appoint their Officers; that said Officers being approved of by  
General *Spencer*, be commissioned by his Honor the Governor; that  
Major *Tew*, Captain *John Topham*, *Thomas Stacy*, *John Carr*, and Mes-  
sieurs *Charles Spooner* and *John Kilburn*, be requested forthwith to assemble  
such of the said Inhabitants, who shall be willing to engage in said Service,  
for the Purpose aforesaid: And his Honor the Governor is hereby re-  
quested to require the Colonels of the Militia, and Commanders of Inde-  
pendent and Alarm Companies within this State, that they forthwith as-  
semble their Companies, excepting those who are now in Service in the  
Third Division; and that they engage as many Volunteers for said Ser-  
vice, from said Regiments and Companies, as may be procured; that  
they be formed into Companies of not less than Thirty-two Men, and ap-  
point their Officers, who being approved of, shall be commissioned as  
aforesaid.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Volunteers who shall enlist as  
aforesaid in the County of *Providence*, assemble in the Town of *Providence*  
on *Wednesday* the Twelfth Day of *March* inst. and those who shall enlist  
as aforesaid in the Counties of *King's County* and *Kent*, assemble on the  
same

same Day at *East-Greenwich*; that those who shall enlist in the County of *Bristol*, assemble at *Bristol*; and those in the County of *Newport*, at *Howland's Ferry*, on the same Day: that they equip themselves with Arms and Accoutrements, and when embodied, that they be under the Command of General *Spencer*.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, and General *Spencer*, be requested to write to the Selectmen of the Towns of *Rehoboth*, *Taunton*, *Attleborough*, *Wrentham*, *Norton*, *Bellingham*, *Dighton*, *Swansey*, *Freetown*, *Dorimouth* and *Middleborough*, and request their Aid and Assistance, in engaging as many Volunteers within their respective Towns, for the Purpose aforesaid, as may be procured; and that they form themselves into Companies, appoint their Officers, and march to the Town of *Tiverton*, on or before the Twelfth Day of *March* inst.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That said Companies of Volunteers be discharged on the Twentieth Day of *March* inst. or sooner, if the Service on which they are engaged will admit of it.

Petition of  
Carr and  
Underwood  
granted.

WHEREAS Capt. *Samuel Carr*, and *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; in Behalf of themselves and others, late Inhabitants and Freemen of *Jamestown*, preferred their Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that they have, by the Directions of Government, disposed of the greatest Part of their Stock, and being truly attached to the just Cause of the United States, have removed themselves and Families from said Town of *Jamestown* to the main Land, where they have provided for them, out of the small Sums of Money received for their Stocks, paying high Rents for Houses to live in for the Year past, and having but little Profits of their Lands, which are now in the Hands of the Enemy; and that they are still desirous to maintain themselves and Families by an honest Industry, rather than submit to the cruel Mandates of an arbitrary King, whose Agents are plundering and destroying every Thing valuable that was left upon their Lands; and thereupon prayed this Assembly that they may have an Opportunity of hiring at a reasonable Price some of the Lands taken into Possession by Government, which they are informed are to be rented out this Spring; and further represented, that this Assembly did, some Time in the Year past, pass an Act that the Freemen belonging to the Town of *Jamestown*, who had removed to the main Land, might of Right return to the Town of *Jamestown*, to chuse their Representatives and other Officers; that they cannot now enjoy that Privilege; and that the greatest Part of the Freemen are now removed to the Main, with the Town's Records; and thereupon besought this Assembly, that if the major Part of the Freemen belonging to the said Town of *Jamestown* agree and chuse their Representatives, that the Men so chosen may be admitted as Members of this Assembly.

ON Consideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Prayer of the said *Samuel Carr*, and *Benjamin Underwood*, in their aforesaid Petition contained, be and the same is hereby granted.

*J. Smith* to deliver Flint. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* deliver to either of the Members of this Assembly, or to their Order, any Number of Flint, not exceeding Five Hundred, for the Use of their respective Towns.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Soldiers who enlisted themselves in Col. *Cbad Brown's* Regiment, and Col. *Peck's* Company, and furnished themselves with Arms and Accoutrements, be allowed the same Bounty therefor as was allowed the Regiment late under the Command of Col. *Sayles*. Bounty al-  
lowed to Sol-  
diers.

WHEREAS an Attack against our Enemies at *Rhode-Island* hath been resolved upon by this Assembly, to be carried into Execution the present Week: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Court of Admiralty appointed to be holden on the Eleventh Inst. at *South-Kingstown*, for the Trial of the Schooner *Two Brothers* and her Cargo, be adjourned to some future Day; and that the Judge of said Court be requested to appoint another Day for said Trial, and to insert an Advertisement thereof in the next *Providence Gazette*, warning the Parties, and the same Jurors who have been drawn to serve in said Court, to attend at the Time he shall appoint; and that said Jurors be liable to the same Penalties for not attending, as they would have been liable to, if the Court had not been adjourned. Maritime  
Court in  
King's County  
adjourned.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the Estate of the late *Samuel Ward*, Esq; be adjourned from the Time it was ordered to be sold, to next *Thursday* Fortnight: That this Resolve be inserted in the next *Providence Gazette*; and that a Copy thereof be immediately transmitted to Mr. *Ethan Clarke*, Administrator of said Estate. Sale of S.  
Ward's Estate  
adjourned.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Jonathan Hazzard*, Paymaster to one of the Continental Battalions, forthwith make Application to Mr. *Hancock*, Paymaster for the Eastern Department, for the Money allowed by Congress to the new Levies, as a Bounty. J. Hazzard to  
apply to the  
Paymaster for  
Money.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; *Henry Ward*, Esq; and Messieurs *John Brown* and *Cromel Child*, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draft a Letter to Congress, representing the present Situation of the Fleet now within this State: That the Officers and Men on board said Fleet have not yet received their Prize-Money; and that said Letter being approved of by the Council of War, be signed by the Governor, and forwarded as soon as may be. Committee to  
draft a Letter  
to Congress.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Pearse* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding and nursing one *Carpenter*, a Soldier, belonging to the Train of Artillery; for six Barrels of Cider, taken from his House at *Bristol Ferry*, by the Soldiers who came off *Rhode-Island*, when the *British* Troops landed there, and for Thirty Bushels of Potatoes, taken for the Use of the Troops: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirteen Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Pearse*, out of the General-Treasury. W. Pearse al-  
lowed £ 13  
5<sup>0</sup>.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Cromel Child* and *Sylvester Child* and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to lease out the Estates in the County of *Bristol* heretofore taken Possession of by this State, to such Persons only as have heretofore subscribed the Test, and that they receive the back Rents, and pay the same into the General-Treasury. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That *Perez Richmond*, Esq; and Mr. *Nathaniel Church*, be a Committee to take into Possession, and lease out the Committee to  
lease out Es-  
tates.

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real Estates in the County of *Newport*, belonging to *Messieurs Joseph Scott* and *Edward Simmons*, and to the Heirs of *Andrew Oliver*, and the Estate in the Possession of *William Durfee*, belonging to Persons in *Great-Britain*, in Behalf of this State, to such Persons only as have subscribed the Test.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth *Monday* of this Inst. *March*, being the Twenty-fourth Day of said Month, then to meet at *South-Kingstown*.

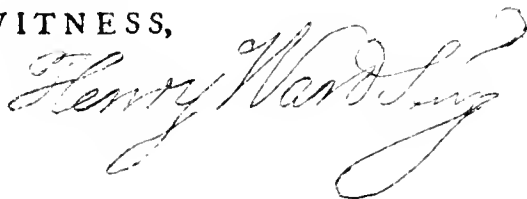
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[SECOND SESSION.]

AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of  
the GOVERNOR and COMPANY  
of the STATE of *Rhode-Island*  
and *Providence Plantations*, begun  
and holden, by Adjournment,  
at *South-Kingstown*, within and  
for the State aforesaid, on the  
Fourth Monday in *March*, in the  
Year of our LORD, One Thou-  
sand, Seven Hundred and Seven-  
ty-seven.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*William Bradford*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

*AMBROSE PAGE*, Esq;

*DANIEL CAHOONE*, Esq;

*JAMES ARNOLD*, jun. Esq;

*JONATHAN RANDALL*, Esq;

*PETER PHILLIPS*, Esq;

*WILLIAM POTTER*, Esq;

*THOMAS CHURCH*, Esq;

} Assistants.

*WILLIAM MUMFORD*, Esq; DEPUTY-SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; SPEAKER.

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Tanner.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Col. Jonathan Arnold,  
Mr. John Brown,  
Theodore Foster, Esq.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

NONE.

## WARWICK:

*Mr. Thomas Holden.*

## WESTERLY:

*Joshua Babcock, Esq;  
Col. Joseph Noyes.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

NONE.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;  
Major Sylvester Gardner.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*Immanuel Cafe, Esq;  
Daniel Rodman, Esq.*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Job Comstock, Esq;  
Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Samuel Carr,  
Benjamin Underwood, Esq.*

## SMITHFIELD:

NONE.

## SCITUATE:

*Mr. Christopher Potter.*

## GLOUCESTER:

NONE.

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Gideon Hoxie, Esq;**Mr. James Congdon the 3d.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Samuel Hopkins, jun.*

## COVENTRY:

*Mr. Ephraim Westcott,  
Mr. John Greene.*

## EXETER:

*George Peirce, Esq;  
Jeffery Willcox, Esq.*

## MIDDLETOWN:

NONE.

## BRISTOL:

*Shearjashub Bourn, Esq.*

## TIVERTON:

*Col. John Cook.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Perez Richmond, Esq.*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child,  
Col. Sylvester Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*Mr. Eliha Waterman.*

## RICHMOND:

*Mr. Simeon Clarke, jun.*

## CRANSTON:

NONE.

## HOPKINTON:

*Mr. John Larkin,  
Thomas Wells, Esq.*

## JOHNSTON:

*Caleb Harris, Esq.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. Joseph Olney.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Mr. Moses Tyler.*

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House



**WHEREAS** Mr. *Nathan Miller* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Supplies for the Troops stationed at *Bristol*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being One Hundred and three Pounds, eleven Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathan Miller*, out of the General Treasury. *N. Miller* allowed  $\text{£. } 103^1 4^1$

**WHEREAS** Mr. *Cromel Child* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Materials by him furnished for, and Labour done on, the flat-bottomed Boats: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being fifty-eight Pounds and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General Treasury. *C. Child* allowed  $\text{£. } 58^0 4^1$

**WHEREAS** Mr. *William Cozzens* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Mr. *John Brown*, for making a Number of Tents for the State, and for Twine furnished for making the same: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being thirty-two Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Cozzens*, out of the General Treasury. *W. Cozzens* allowed  $\text{£. } 32^1 4^1$

**WHEREAS** Col. *John Low* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for victualling a Number of Soldiers, and for six Days Service in the Militia, not made out in the Abstracts: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Stephen Mumford* pay to the said *John Low* the Amount of said Account, being five Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, if the same shall appear to be due, upon an Inspection of the Abstract. *S. Mumford* to pay *J. Low*  $\text{£. } 5^2$

**WHEREAS** by a *Resolve* of this Assembly, at the last Session, the Sale of the Estate of the late *Samuel Ward*, Esq; was adjourned to *Tuesday* the twenty-fifth Day of *March* instant; and whereas, by a Mistake of the Secretary, the Sale was advertised to be on *Monday* the twenty-seventh Instant; in consequence of which Advertisement a Number of Persons, who were desirous of purchasing said Estate, will be deprived of an Opportunity of attending said Sale, and said Estate may thereby be disposed of greatly to the Injury of the Heirs and Creditors, unless the Sale thereof should be further adjourned: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to Mr. *Ethan Clarke*, Administrator to said Estate, to adjourn the Sale thereof to the twenty-seventh Instant, agreeable to said Advertisement. Mistake in advertising the Sale of the Estate of the late *S. Ward*, Esq; rectified.

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*M. Briggs, and P. Brown, permitted to go to Newport.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mrs. Mary Briggs and Mrs. Peggy Brown, who were taken on board a Ship bound from Jamaica to London, and brought into Providence, be permitted to proceed from thence to Newport, under the Direction of the Council of War.

*R. Sprague's Petition.*

WHEREAS Mr. Rufus Sprague, Clerk of the Alarm-Company, in the Town of Johnston, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That by Virtue of a Warrant, issued by John Waterman, Esq; Commander of said Company, he attached and took into his Custody two Cows, the Property of David Brown of said Johnston, who belongs to said Company, to satisfy and pay the Fines which had accrued by Reason of his having refused to serve in the third Division of the Alarm-List: That after he had levied said Warrant, said David made Application to the Council of War, who passed an Order, excusing him from all military Duty, by Virtue of which said David took said Cows out of his Possession, whereby he is rendered unable to execute said Warrant: And that, as the said Mr. Brown, in the Opinion of People in general, is as well able to do Duty as most Men, his being excused has given great Uneasiness: And thereupon the said Rufus Sprague prayed this Assembly to take the Matter into Consideration, and to empower him to take the said Cows again into his Custody, and to levy said Fine in the same Manner as though the Council had passed no Order respecting the same.

On Consideration whereof:

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Vote of the Council of War above referred to be repealed in all its Parts; and that the Prayer of the said Rufus Sprague, in his aforesaid Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby, granted.

*Committee to inquire after W. Vassal's Estate.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Cromel Child and Sylvester Child, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed to make Inquiry after any personal Estate, left within this State by William Vassall, Esq; and that they make an Inventory thereof: That they be empowered to call before them John Waldron, or any other Person or Persons, whom they know or suspect to have any of the personal Estate of the said Vassall, to render an Account of the same, in the same Manner as the Town-Councils, by Law, have Power to cause an Inventory to be made: That any Person, who shall have in his or their Possession any of said Estate, shall render an Account thereof, under Oath, to be administered by said Committee; and that said Committee take said Estate into their Possession, and render an Account thereof to this Assembly.

*General Varnum dismissed from Service in this State.*

WHEREAS the Appointment and Commission of Brigadier-General James Mitchell Varnum, in the Service of this State, has been superseded by his being appointed, by the Honorable the Continental

Continental Congress, to the same Rank in the Continental Army : This Assembly do therefore, with grateful Remembrance of his Services, *Vote and Resolve, and It is Voted and Resolved*, That he be dismissed from the said Appointment ; and that he be paid to the Time his Pay commenced in the Continental Service.

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration the embarrassed Circumstances of this State, and the great Expences daily accruing for its Defence ; and his Excellency General *Washington* having directed two Generals of the Continental Army to take Command of the Troops stationed here, whereby it is unnecessary to retain in Service General Officers at their separate Expence :

General *West* dismissed from Service in this State.

WHEREFORE this Assembly, retaining a very grateful Sense of General *West's* Zeal in the Cause of his Country, and of his Conduct as an Officer, and not doubting his utmost Exertions in their Service on any future Occasion, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That he be, and hereby is, dismissed from the Office of Brigadier-General in the Service of this State.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That none of the Members of the General Assembly receive any Allowance for their Attendance the first Day of the Session, excepting such only as reside more than twenty Miles from the Place at which the Assembly shall be convened, and shall set out on the first Day of the Session.

No Member of Assembly to receive Pay, except he set out on the first Day of Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Jonathan Arnold*, *Thomas Wells*, and *John Northup*, Esqrs. Col. *Sylvester Child*, and *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to explain the Intention of this Assembly, in an Act for regulating the Prices of Labour, &c. and for making such Alterations therein, and Addition thereto, as to them shall appear necessary, and that they make Report as soon as may be.

Committee to regulate the Act stating the Prices of Goods, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to his Honor the Governor, to issue his Warrant for forthwith apprehending the following Persons, who are suspected of carrying Supplies to, and keeping up a Correspondence with, the Enemy, viz. *Charles Slocum*, *Ebenezer Slocum*, and *Slocum*, Sons to *Charles Slocum*, and *Jonathan Lawton*, who is suspected of being employed by the Enemies of this State, in raising Recruits for their Service ; and that they be brought before this Assembly as soon as may be.

Governor to issue his Warrant, to apprehend *Slocum* and others.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That so many of the Guns, now in the Service of this State, be delivered to Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, as he shall prove, to the Satisfaction of this Assembly or the Council of War, to be his Property.

Guns to be delivered to *O. R. Warner*.

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the Enemy, to  
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chuse Deputies,  
&c.

**WHEREAS** our relentless Enemies have possessed themselves of the Towns of *Newport, Portsmouth, Middletown, and Jamestown*, whereby the Freemen of those Towns are deprived of the Privilege of meeting at their usual Places, for the Choice of General Officers & Deputies to represent them in General Assembly, and such Town-Officers as they have chosen on proxing Days: *It is therefore Resolved*, That those Persons who were known to be Freemen in either of those Towns to the Number of seven at the least, from each Town respectively be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, to meet at the Places hereafter mentioned, *to wit*: Those of the Town of *Newport*, at the State-House in *Providence*; those of *Portsmouth* and *Middletown*, at the House of *William Durfee*, in *Tiverton*; and those of *Jamestown*, at the House of *Matthew Allen*, in *North-Kingstown*, on the third *Wednesday* in *April* next, at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of choosing General Officers, Deputies, and Town-Officers, aforesaid, for their respective Towns; they conducting such Choice agreeable to the Usages and Practices in their respective Towns heretofore: And that this Resolve be inserted in the next *Providence Gazette*.

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J. Northup to  
deliver Small-  
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Use of fundry  
Towns.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Northup*, Esq; deliver to *Mr. George Pearce* thirty-two Small-Arms, for the Town of *Exeter*, thirty Small-Arms to *Mr. John Waite*, for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, and twenty Small-Arms for the Town of *East-Greenwich*, to *Mr. Thomas Tillinghast*, for the Use of such of the Poor in said Town as were to be furnished with Arms, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly: And that twenty-five Small-Arms be delivered to the Poor of the Town of *North-Kingstown* by the said *John Northup*, Esq; agreeable to said Act of Assembly.

C. Fisk allowed  
£ 3 2 4.

**WHEREAS** *Dr. Caleb Fisk* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Attendance upon, and sundry Medicines by him administred to, two sick Soldiers, belonging to *Col. Lippitt's* Regiment: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being three Pounds, two Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Caleb Fisk*, out of the General Treasury.

C. Fisk allowed  
£. 4 19 11.

**WHEREAS** the said *Caleb Fisk* presented unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines by him administred to, and Attendance on, sundry sick Soldiers, in the Continental Service, when marching through this State: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, nineteen Shillings, and eleven Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Caleb Fisk*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Capt. *James Williams* laid before this Assembly *F. Read* allow-  
an Order, drawn by him on Mr. *John Smith*, in Favour of <sup>ed</sup> £. 1 10.  
Mrs. *Fear Read*, for victualling sundry Soldiers, belonging to  
his Company, in Col. *Tullman's* Regiment : Which being du-  
ly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That  
the Amount thereof, being thirty Shillings, lawful Money, be  
paid unto the said *Fear Read*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Franklin* exhibited unto this Assen- *M. Franklin al-*  
bly an Account, by her charged against the State, for billeting <sup>lowed</sup> £. 18 2  
a Number of Soldiers belonging to Capt. *James Albro's* Com- 7:  
pany : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*  
*and Resolved*, That eighteen Pounds, two Shillings, and seven  
Pence, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed, and  
that the same be paid unto the said *Mary Franklin*, out of the  
General Treasury.

WHEREAS the said *Mary Franklin* presented unto this As *M. Franklin al-*  
sembly another Account, by her charged against the State, for <sup>lowed</sup> £. 3 15  
the Ferriages of a Number of Soldiers : And the said Account 4:  
being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same  
be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, be-  
ing three Pounds, fifteen Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Mo-  
ney, be paid unto the said *Mary Franklin*, out of the General  
Treasury.

WHEREAS the Executors to the Estate of *John Waterman*, Executors of *J.*  
deceased, laid before this Assembly an Account, charged *Waterman al-*  
against the State, for Writing-Paper and Paste-Boards, for <sup>lowed</sup> £. 35 1.  
printing the last Emission of Paper-Money Bills : And the said  
Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That  
the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount  
thereof, being thirty-six Pounds, one Shilling, lawful Money,  
be paid to the Executors of the said *John Waterman*, deceased,  
out of the General Treasury, upon their producing a Certifi-  
cate from Mr. *Carter* of his having received and made Use of  
the above Paper, for this State.

WHEREAS an Account was laid before this Assembly, *Committee to*  
charged against the State, for sundry warlike Stores, taken <sup>audit the Ac-</sup>  
out of the Ship *Friendship*, for the Use of the State : *It is Voted* <sup>count of Ship</sup>  
*and Resolved*, That the standing Committee, with Mr. *Joseph*  
*Brown*, examine the said Account, and make Report to the <sup>*Friendship*</sup>  
Council of War, in the Recets of this Assembly ; and that said  
Council give an Order for the Balance thereof, on the Gene-  
ral Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Dr. *Jonathan Arnold*, *Silas* *Committee to*  
*Downer*, Esq; and Mr. *David Hoel* be, and they are hereby, <sup>revise the Mil-</sup>  
appointed a Committee, to revise, alter and amend, all the <sup>*tia* Laws.</sup>  
Militia Laws of this State ; together with an Act for the Re-  
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lief of Tender Consciences, and digest them into one Law ; and Report the same to this Assembly at their next Session.

*E. Carr* allowed  
£. 6 2.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Carr* laid before this Assembly an Account of Damages done, by the Soldiers, to his House on the Island of *Conannicut* : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being six Pounds, two Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Edward Carr*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Jenckes* allowed  
£. 3.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That three Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Stephen Jenckes*, out of the General Treasury, in addition to the twelve Pounds heretofore allowed for a Gun, purchased of him, for a Present to the *Oneida* Chiefs.

*W. Hull's* Petition.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Hull* of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *King's-County*, Yeoman, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he is Bondsman for *Jonathan Hazard*, Pay-Master to one of the Continental Battalions, in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, conditioned, as he thought, for his the said *Jonathan's* duly accounting for the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, which he was then about to receive out of the General Treasury, and no more ; that he is since informed that, by Virtue of said Obligation, he is accountable for whatever Sums of Money the said *Jonathan* may receive, who hath since received large Sums out of the Treasury : And that being desirous to be released from said Obligation, he applied to the said *Jonathan*, and requested him to account for the Monies he had received, which he then promised should be done, but hath neglected so to do : And thereupon the said *William Hull* prayed this Assembly, that said *Jonathan* may be required to render an Account of the Monies by him received ; that no further Sums be allowed him as Paymaster as aforesaid, that he be compelled to procure other Bondsman, or be dismissed from his Office, that so he may be discharged from his aforesaid Obligation.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That no further Sums of Money, or any other Articles, be allowed and delivered to *Jonathan Hazard*, Paymaster to one of the Continental Battalions, until he hath procured other sufficient Bondsman for his faithfully executing the Trust reposed in him : That he forthwith render an Account, to the standing Committee, of what Money or other Articles may have been paid and delivered him as Paymaster, as aforesaid : That said Committee make Report to the Council of War, as soon as may be ; and that upon the said *Jonathan's* duly accounting for whatever Money or other Articles he may have received as Paymaster, as aforesaid, said Obligation be delivered to the said *William Hull*.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Isaac R. Bliven* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines for, and Attendance on, a Soldier, belonging to Capt. *Ethan Clarke's* Company : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, eleven Shillings, and ten Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Isaac R. Bliven*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jesse Knight* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Hire of his Mare to draw the Artillery : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That three Pounds, lawful Money, of said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Jesse Knight*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Hawkins*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *King's-County*, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, and the Expences of three Men who assisted him in apprehending *Ebenezer* and *Charles Shicum*, and *Jonathan Lawton*, by Virtue of a Warrant issued by his Honor the Governor : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, eighteen Shillings, and eleven Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Hawkins*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonels *Richmond*, *Lip-pit*, and *Cook*, be, and they are hereby, requested to call upon the Officers of their respective Regiments, and inquire of them in what Manner the Small-Arms, delivered the Soldiers of the said Regiments by this State, are disposed of ; and that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Easterbrooks*, Town-Serjeant of *Warren*, hath an Execution, in Favour of *Richard Smith*, against *Cromel* and *Caleb Child*, returnable to *Bristol January* Court last, which Court fell through : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Town-Serjeant return said Execution into the Clerk's Office, upon his having leave therefor from the Plaintiff.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon'ble *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *James Helme*, *Joseph Hazard*, and *Sylvester Robinson*, Esqrs. the Committee heretofore appointed to transact the Affairs of the *Indians*, make Report of their Proceedings to this Assembly, at the next Session ; and that a Copy of this Resolve be transmitted to them, as soon as may be, at the Expence of the Tribe.

*S. Downer* allowed  
£. 6 12.

WHEREAS *Silas Downer*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance, eleven Days, on the Council of War, as Clerk: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being six Pounds, twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Silas Downer*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Arnold* allowed  
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WHEREAS *Josiah Arnold*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Damage done by the Soldiers to his House, Furniture and Stock, on the Island of *Conannicut*: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That forty one Pounds, ten Shillings, and one Halfpenny, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Josiah Arnold*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Brown* allowed  
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WHEREAS Mr. *James Brown* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for entertaining a Company of Soldiers, for keeping one Yoke of Oxen and a Horse, and for Wood burnt by the said Company: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, three Shillings, and three Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *James Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Vincent* allowed  
£. 15  
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WHEREAS Mr. *William Vincent* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for twenty-four Days Service, in attending the Sick of Col. *Noyes's* Regiment; for his Board and Horse-keeping, and for Medicines provided for said Regiment: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being fifteen Pounds, thirteen Shillings, and three Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Vincent*, out of the General Treasury.

*B. Carr* allowed  
£. 8 2 4.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Carr* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Damages done to his House, on the Island of *Conannicut*, by the Soldiers quartered therein: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That eight Pounds, two Pounds, and four Pounds, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Benjamin Carr*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Austin* allowed  
£. 5.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Austin* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Cedar Boat, Oars and Sails, taken by Capt. *Sheldon*, for the Service of the State:



State : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That five Pounds, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Joseph Austin*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathan Miller* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a N. Miller allowed £. 4 10. Whale Boat, taken by Order of Col. *Child*, for the Use of the Troops, when *Wallace* landed on *Prudence* : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathan Miller*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; exhibited N Cooke allowed £. 10 12. unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Number of narrow Axes delivered for the Use of the State : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being ten Pounds, ten Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nicholas Cooke*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*. That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to pay to *Benjamin Cranston* the Balance due to him from the State. Deputy-Governor to pay B. Cranston his Balance.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Carr* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Ferriages of a Number of Soldiers and their Baggage, and of a Number of Horses : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being four Pounds, eight Shillings, and seven Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Robert Carr*, out of the General Treasury. R. Carr allowed £. 4 8 7.



AN ACT assessing and apportioning a Rate or Tax of Sixteen Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State. Act for assessing a Tax of £. 16000 upon the Inhabitants of this State.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted*. That a Tax of Sixteen Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, to be levied, collected and paid, into the General Treasury, on or before the first Day of *August* next, in Bills of public Credit emitted by the Congress and this State.

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*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be eight Shillings, being six Pence for every Thousand Pounds : And that all male Persons, of twenty-one Years of Age and upwards, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions, and those enlisted by this State for fifteen Months, and the Officers, Marines and Mariners, on board any armed Vessels in the Service of the Continent, or of this State, shall pay the Poll-Tax.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, assessed unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit :*

Newport, ———	£. 1736	8	9
Portsmouth, ———	678	9	7
New-Shoreham, ———	158	14	10
Jamestown, ———	261	13	8
Middletown, ———	506	15	11
Tiverton, ———	554	16	0
Little-Compton, ———	491	0	11
	£. 4387 19 8		
Providence, ———	£. 1709	2	0
Smithfield, ———	824	7	9
Scituate, ———	612	15	6
Gloucester, ———	534	13	6
Cumberland, ———	310	12	11
Cranston, ———	566	17	7
Johnston, ———	234	18	6
North-Providence, ———	223	12	11
	£. 5017 0 8		
Westerly, ———	£. 443	4	2
North-Kingstown, ———	724	17	6
South-Kingstown, ———	1397	16	8
Charlestown, ———	365	10	11
Richmond, ———	295	17	2
Hopkinton, ———	397	19	0
Exeter, ———	411	18	9
	£. 4037 4 2		
Bristol, ———	£. 378	18	0
Warren, ———	151	11	3
Barrington, ———	171	1	0
	£. 701 10 9		
Warwick, ———	£. 760	5	8
East-Greenwich, ———	424	7	10
West-Greenwich, ———	286	13	8
Coventry, ———	384	17	7
	£. 1856 4 9		
	£. 16000 0 0		

AND

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Towns or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportions of said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof (except the Towns of Newport, Jamestown, New-Shoreham, Portsmouth, and Middletown) as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid : And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor, to the General Treasurer.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly : And the said Town-Clerk is directed and hereby required to send a Copy thereof, within six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant, within four Days, to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay, unto the General Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue, or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax.*

*AND be it further Enacted, That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town, in this State, to assess, levy and pay into the General Treasury, their Proportion of said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of said Tax (excepting the Towns before excepted) immediately after the said first Day of August next, which Execution shall be returnable in thirty Days.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town, in this State, be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court in the County, where such Bond or Security shall be so taken : And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State : And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That*  
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the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns, in this State be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer and Collector of Rates, of their respective Towns, to the General Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate List.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That any Town within this State, who are dissatisfied with their present Assessors or Rate-Makers, be empowered to call Town-Meetings, and appoint other Assessors or Rate-makers, any Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That any Town which shall collect and pay into the General Treasury, before the Time limited in this Act for the Payment thereof, the Sum assessed upon said Town, or any Part thereof, the General Treasurer is empowered, and hereby directed, to pay Interest at six per Centum per Annum therefor, from the Time it shall be paid in, until the first Day of *August* aforesaid; which Interest shall be by the Collector paid into the Town-Treasury, to and for the Use of such Towns respectively.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town: And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.



Present Mode  
of apportioning  
the Tax, not to  
be drawn into  
Precedent on  
any future Oc-  
casion.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the present Session, hath made and passed an Act, ordering a Tax of Sixteen Thousand Pounds to be assessed and levied upon the Polls and rateable Estates of the Inhabitants: And Whereas, from the distressed Situation of many Parts of this State, it hath been thought necessary to deviate from the established Rule of proportioning the same to the several Towns; by which Deviation it may happen that some Towns may be overburthened: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Apportionment of the said Act upon the several Towns, in the said Act made, shall not be drawn into Precedent, or be considered as a Rule for apportioning any future Tax, but shall be reconsidered: That any Town, which shall be overburthened, shall be relieved and reimbursed what they shall appear to have paid over their just Proportion, as soon as a proper Estimate can be made to ascertain the same: And that such Towns as shall have paid less than their just Proportion, shall pay such Sums as they shall be deficient, into the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *John Kelly* presented unto this Assembly <sup>7. Kelly allowed</sup> an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Ferri-<sup>ed £. 15 9 4.</sup> ges of a Number of Soldiers, &c. And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That fifteen Pounds, nine Shillings, and four Pence, lawful Money, of said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *John Kelly*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Peck* exhibited unto this Assembly <sup>T. Peck allowed</sup> an Account, by him charged against the State, for two Blank-<sup>£. 2 8.</sup> ets, delivered by Order of the Town-Council of *Providence*, towards equipping the Poor of said Town : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Peck*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carpenter* laid before this Assembly <sup>J. Carpenter allowed</sup> an Account, by him charged against the State, for one Blank-<sup>£. 1 4.</sup> et, delivered by Order of the Town-Council of *Providence*, for equipping the Poor of said Town : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, four Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Carpenter*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Caleb Harris*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly <sup>C. Harris allowed</sup> an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Num-<sup>£. 12 18.</sup> ber of Blankets, Scabbards and Belts for Bayonets. by him purchased, by Order of the Town-Council of *Johnston*, for equipping the Poor of said Town : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being twelve Pounds, eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Caleb Harris*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* exhibited unto this Assembly <sup>C. Child allowed</sup> an Account, by him charged against the State, for sundry Ma-<sup>ed £. 42 18 6.</sup> terials by him furnished for, and Labour done on, the Galley *Spitfire* : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That forty-two Pounds, eighteen Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, thereof, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid unto the said *Cromel Child*, out of the General Treasury, upon his producing sufficient Vouchers to the Council of War.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Wall* presented unto this Assembly <sup>S. Wall allowed</sup> an Account, by him charged against the State, for four Guns, <sup>£. 17 14.</sup> with Bayonets and three Cartridge Boxes, purchased by Order of the Town-Council of *Coventry*, for equipping the Poor of said Town : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*

*Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being seventeen Pounds, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Samuel Wall*, out of the General Treasury.

*R. Sheffield* allowed *L. 18* 11 9.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Sheffield* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services, as an Armourer, in the Regiments commanded by Col. *Joseph Noyes* and Col. *Ray Sands* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that eighteen Pounds, eleven Shillings, and nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Robert Sheffield*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Bowyer's* Petition.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Bowyer*, of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That his being obliged to remove off the Farm he now improves, as by a late Act he is warned to do, will put him to great Difficulty and Distress ; he having a large Family to maintain, and the Season too far advanced to admit of his getting into Business to support them : And further represented, that about a Twelve-month past, he being suspected on Account of his Connexions with his late Landlord Mr. *Rome*, publicly made and signed a Declaration of his Principles in Terms equivalent to the Test, with which his Conduct hath been perfectly consistent : And that having, as he presumed, fully answered the Intentions of the Test-Act, he apprehended he had complied therewith, without conceiving that there was Occasion for his also subscribing the Test ; which he is ready to do, if required : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to permit him still to remain upon the said Farm, as a Tenant to the State.

On Consideration whereof,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *Stephen Bowyer*, in his aforesaid Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby, granted.

Inhabitants of *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton* allowed to bring forward Actions, in the County of *Bristol*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That during the Time the Enemy are in Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, and the Courts of Justice, for the County of *Newport*, are obstructed thereby, that the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton* be, and they are hereby, allowed to bring forward, and prosecute all Actions, whether Real, Personal or Mixed, to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of *Bristol*, in the same Way and Manner as though the two Towns aforesaid were annexed to, and belonged to the County of *Bristol* : Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the Contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *James Robinson* laid before this Assembly <sup>7. Robinson's</sup> an Account, wherein he had charged the State for a Quantity <sup>Flour released.</sup> of Flour, being Part of that seized by Order of General *Varnum* : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Flour be released, it having been previously purchased by *Peter Phillips*, Esq; Commissary.

WHEREAS *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for <sup>D. Rodman allowed £. 16 19.</sup> a Quantity of Rum, Sugar, and other Necessaries, by him supplied to the Soldiers stationed at *South-Kingstown* : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being sixteen Pounds, nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commanding Officers <sup>Commanding Officers in the Expedition to Rhode Island to make out their Abstracts.</sup> of the several Companies of Volunteers, who engaged in the Service of this State, in Consequence of a Resolve of this Assembly, at the last Session, for making an Attack on *Rhode-Island*, make out their Abstracts, under Oath, and present them to either of the Committees of Safety, within this State, for Payment, agreeable to said Resolve : And that this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

WHEREAS *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Damages <sup>J. Clarke allowed £. 19 17.</sup> done to his Estate on *Jamestown*, by the Troops stationed there : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that nineteen Pounds, seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Clarke*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Congdon* the Third, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, <sup>J. Congdon the Third allowed £. 18 7 6.</sup> for Blankets, Small-Arms, and sundry other Equipments, by him purchased by Order of the Town-Council of *Charlestown*, for equipping the Poor of said Town : And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That eighteen Pounds, seven Shillings, and six Pence, lawful Money, of said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Joseph Congdon* the Third, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *James Williams* be, and <sup>J. Williams to go to Freetown to enquire after Wood.</sup> he is hereby, requested to go to *Freetown*, and make Inquiry what Quantity of Wood has been taken from *Elkanah Watser's* Farm, for the Use of the Troops in this State ; that he make Report of the same to *Peter Phillips*, Esq; Commissary, as soon

as may be, and that the Expence thereof be paid by the said *Peter Phillips*.

*W. Potter* to take Care of the State-House in *King's-County*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, requested to take Care of all the Stuff now lying in and about the State-house in *King's-County*; that he procure the Chimneys to be inclosed, and pointed; that he also procure the Cupola, upon the Top of said House, to be made tight; that he procure a decent Pair of Steps to be built at the front Door of said House; and that he have the Care and Charge of the Keys.

Militia Officers in *Westerly* to be commissioned.

WHEREAS at *June Session*, A. D. 1776, *George Stillman* was appointed Captain, and *Peleg Saunders* Lieutenant, of the third Company of Militia, in the Town of *Westerly* but by some Means or other said Appointment was not recorded: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Appointment be now confirmed. and considered as having taking Place at said *June Session*; and that they be commissioned accordingly

Deputy-Governor to pay *G. Cornell's* Account, £. 2 8.

WHEREAS Mr. *Gideon Cornell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *William Ware*, for four Weeks Board: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money. be paid unto the said *Gideon Cornell*, by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, as one of the Committee of Safety.

Act regulating the Choice of Delegates.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That the Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress shall be elected and chosen, by the Freemen at large, in the same Manner as the Governor and Assistants of this State are chosen, *to wit*: By the Freemen putting in their proxy Votes, on the third *Wednesday* in *April*, annually; and in Case any Vacancy shall happen, by Death or otherwise, the General Assembly shall fill up such Vacancy for the Remainder of the Year.

*J. Lyndon* allowed £. 1 14.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences to *Providence*, to attend on the General Assembly, as Clerk to the House of Deputies: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Channing* allowed £. 1 16.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State. for his Horse-hire



Horse-hire and Expences at *Providence*, in attending on this Assembly, as Assistant-Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Channing*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Roy Sands*, Esq; was, by this Assembly, at September Session, 1776, appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *King's-County*, in the Room of *Samuel Seager*; and the Secretary, by Mistake, entered him as chosen Colonel; and a Commission was issued accordingly; and *Charles Dyre*, Esq; who was Colonel of the said Regiment, having accepted very soon after of a Commission in a Regiment, for three Months, upon *Rhode-Island*, which prevented the Mistake from being discovered; and the said *Roy Sands* having, in Consequence of his said Commission, upon the Appearance of the Enemy's Fleet, and ever since, acted as Colonel of the said Regiment; which Error ought to be rectified: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be given to the said *Roy Sands*, for his spirited and vigilant Conduct, as Colonel of the said Regiment, as aforesaid. That the said *Charles Dyre* have the Command of the same, during the Remainder of the Year: That, from the known Zeal of Col. *Sands*, for the public Good, this Assembly hope and expect that he will act as Lieutenant-Colonel of the said Regiment, in which Case the Commission granted to *Thomas Potter*, Esq; will be vacated: That the Secretary forthwith transmit a Copy of this Vote to Col. *Sands*, and the said *Thomas Potter*, Esq; and that Lieutenant-Colonel *Sands* be commissioned accordingly.

Mistake in Col. *Sands*' Appointment rectified.

*IT is Voted and Resolved* That fifteen Shillings, and eight Pence, lawful Money, be paid to *James Congdon* the Third, out of the General Treasury, being the Cost for taking two Depositions in a Complaint exhibited against *Nathan Kinyan*, one of the Members of this Assembly.

*J. Congdon* the Third allowed £. 0 15 8.

WHEREAS *Moses Davis*, now in Possession of a real Estate in the County of *Brissol*, belonging to *Isaac Royal*, heretofore ordered to be taken Possession of, in behalf of this State, hath refused to pay the back Rents due for said Estate, to Messrs. *Sylvester Child* and *Cromel Child*, who were appointed a Committee to take Possession, and lease said Estate, and receive the said Rents, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said Committee distrain for said Rent, unless it be immediately discharged: That the General Treasurer issue his Warrant accordingly: And that they take Possession of said Estate, unless the said *Moses Davis* shall subscribe the Test, or produce a Certificate from the Clerk of the monthly Meeting that he is of the Society

Committee to distrain for the Rent due on *I. Royal's* Estate.

ciety of Friends, and shall take a Lease of said Estate upon the same Terms as heretofore from this State.

*N. Mumford* allowed £. 6. WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services as one of the standing Committee of Audit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being six Pounds, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General Treasury.

*T. Greene* allowed £. 5 8. WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services as one of the standing Committee for auditing Accounts : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being five Pounds, eight Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Potter* allowed £. 0 18. WHEREAS *William Potter*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for one Cord of Walnut Wood, by him provided for the Use of the State-House in *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Albro* allowed £. 2 3 9. WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Albro* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire to *Westerly*, to carry a Letter to Mr. *Ethan Clarke*, by Order of this Assembly, for his Attendance on this Assembly as a Waiter, at the present Session, and for Candles provided for the Use of this Assembly : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being two Pounds, three Shillings, and nine Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jeremiah Albro*, out of the General Treasury.

*E. Tefst* allowed £. 1 14. WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tefst* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for cleaning the State-House in *King's-County*, and for his Attendance as a Waiter on this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Tefst*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Potter*, Esq; be, and *T. Potter*, Esq; he is hereby, dismissed as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Militia, <sup>dismissed as</sup> he having been appointed, through Mistake, to that Office : <sup>Lieut. Colonel</sup> And that he be dismissed as Major, the Time of the Inlistment <sup>in the Militia,</sup> of the Regiment to which he was appointed having expired. <sup>and as Major in</sup> the 3<sup>d</sup> Massus <sup>Service.</sup>

WHEREAS *Mr. Beriah Brown*, jun. laid before this As- <sup>B. Brown, jun.</sup> sembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his <sup>allowed L. 1 4.</sup> Service, and the Service of three Persons who assisted him as Aid, to convey *Ebenezer* and *Charles Slocum* to Major *Clarke*, by Order of this Assembly : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being one Pound, four Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Beriah Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *King's-County*, <sup>Inferior Court</sup> which was held at *South-Kingstown*, on the third *Monday* of <sup>in King's County</sup> *February* last, was adjourned to *Thursday* the eleventh Day of <sup>revived, and</sup> *March* instant, but fell through for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices attending : *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That said Court be revived ; that *Tuesday*, the eighth Day of *April* next, be appointed for holding said Court at said *South-Kingstown* ; that all Business, civil and criminal, which was to have been heard and determined at said Adjournment, be then and there heard and determined ; that all Executions, returnable to said Term, be returned to said Court on *Tuesday* the said eighth Day of *April* : And that in Default thereof, the Party aggrieved may call a Special Court against either the Sheriff or his Deputy, who shall neglect to return said Execution, in the same Manner as by Law he might for not making Return of said Execution, in due Season, if said Court had sat ; and that Appeals may be had, from the Judgments of said Court, according to Law :

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which by Law is to be holden in said *King's-County*, on the first *Monday* in *April* next, be adjourned to *Thursday* the first Day of *May* next : And that all Business, civil or criminal, pending before the said Court, to be holden on the first *Monday* of *April*, be then and there heard and determined ; as also all Appeals from Judgments given at said Inferior Court, to be holden on the eighth Day of *April* next : That all Executions returnable to said Superior Court, to be holden on said first *Monday* of *April*, be returned to said Court, at the Time the same is to be holden as aforesaid : That in Default thereof, the Party aggrieved may call a Special Court, in the same Manner as is before directed : That the Ju-

rors who were returned to serve at the Term of said Court, on the said first *Monday of April*, be notified to attend and serve at the Time to which said Court was adjourned : And that a Copy of this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

Bill for  
draughting the  
Militia.

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**R E S O L V E D**, That each of the three Divisions of the Militia, and Alarm and Independent Companies, heretofore drafted agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly, passed at their Sessions in *December* last, be drafted into two Divisions each, under the Direction of the Field-Officers of each Regiment, or Commander of each Independent Company : And that those of the Militia and Alarm Companies be formed into Companies, to be commanded by Officers proportioned by the said Field-Officers, and assigned to said Companies, and those of Independent Companies be proportioned and assigned to said Companies, by Officers of the said Companies : And that the Draught of every Division as aforesaid be made by the respective Field-Officers, and Commanders of Independent Companies, on *Friday* the fourth Day of *April* next : That immediately upon said Drafts being completed, the Field Officers, and Commanders of said Independent Companies, shall cause the one Half of said first Division to be formed into Companies, apportion to each their proper Officers, and cause them to march to such Part of the Shores within their respective Counties as they shall direct, on or before the sixth Day of *April* next.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Division on actual Duty be relieved at the Expiration of fifteen Days from their entering on said Duty, by the other Divisions, in the Order in which they have and shall be drawn out ; and that the Field-Officers, and Commanders aforesaid, be, and they are hereby, directed to cause Relief to be made, and done punctually, at the Time each Division shall have completed its Duty as aforesaid.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the several Commanders of the respective Companies, so draughted as aforesaid, cause their several Companies to be completely equipped with Arms, and every other necessary Accoutrement ; and that if any in said Companies, who have been adjudged by the Town-Council in their respective Towns to be unable to furnish themselves therewith, shall appear not duly equipped, the Commanders of said Companies are directed to apply to said Town-Councils, who are hereby empowered to furnish them with Arms and Accoutrements, agreeable to the aforementioned Resolve.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Officers who shall serve in said Divisions shall be entitled to and receive the same Wages

Wages and Rations as are allowed and paid to Officers of equal Rank in the Continental Service ; and that the non-commissioned Officers and Privates also receive the same Pay and Allowance, for the same and similar Service, as those in the Continental Army : That no Adjutants be appointed, but their Duty shall be done and performed by the Serjeant-Majors, and that but one Quarter-Master be allowed to a Regiment.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That each and every Person by Law obliged to bear Arms, who when duly notified, and called out to Duty, shall neglect to appear in Person, completely equipped with Arms and Accoutrements, shall be liable to and pay as a Fine, for each and every Day's Neglect, the Sum of five Shillings, lawful Money, to be levied and collected by Warrant of Distress from the Captain or other Commanding Officer of the Company for the Time being directed to the Clerk, unless the Person so deficient shall, before the Expiration of said fifteen Days, pay into the Town-Treasury, in the Town in which he resides, the Fines due for his not appearing as aforesaid, and shall produce a Receipt therefor from said Town-Treasurer to said Captain or Commanding Officer.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the respective Colonels of Militia and Alarm Companies, and Commanders of Independent Companies, shall make Return of said Draught to the Council of War, or to General *Spencer*, within two Days after said Draught is completed : And if any Officer shall neglect or refuse to do his Duty, and make said Draught agreeable to this Act. and make due Return thereof within the Time prescribed, he shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, for such Neglect, the Sum of six Pounds, lawful Money, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, before any Court of Record within this State.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That the Secretary transmit printed Copies of this Act. by Express, to the several Colonels of Militia, and Commanders of Independent and Alarm Companies as aforesaid, on or before the second Day of *April* next.

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WHEREAS an Act hath passed this Session, for taking into the Possession of this State the Estate and Interest of Col. *Isaac Royal*, late of the State of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, lying within this State ; and whereas Application hath since been made to this Assembly that the said Act should be reconsidered, and the Attorneys of the said *Isaac Royal* be heard thereon : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Attorneys apply to the Council of War for this State. who are hereby empowered to act and do therein as fully as this Assembly might.

Abstracts to be  
sworn to.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Church*, Esq; and *Mr. Cromel Child*, who were heretofore appointed to examine certain Abstracts said to have been erroneously made out, be, and they are hereby, empowered to call before them any Persons who made out said Abstracts, and examine them, under Oath, respecting the same.

Estate of *E. Simmons* not to be taken into Possession until further Orders.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the real Estate of *Edward Simmons*, in the Town of *Little-Compton*, be not taken Possession of by *Percz Richmond*, Esq; in behalf of this State, as heretofore ordered, until further Orders from this Assembly.

All Intercourse between *Black-Island*, and the Main, forbidden after a limited Time.

*RESOLVED*, That such of the Inhabitants of *New-Shoreham*, on *Block-Island*, and now on the Main, as chuse to return to their Homes, have Liberty to return, under the Inspection of the Commanding Officer of the District from whence they shall depart, until the tenth Day of *April* next; and those now living in said Town, who are desirous to remove to the Main, are permitted so to do within the Time aforesaid; after which all Intercourse shall cease between the Inhabitants of said Town and those on the Main (saving only commissioned Officers in the Continental Battalions, for the Purpose of recruiting) until further Orders from this Assembly.

Act to prevent the counterfeiting the States-Lottery Tickets.

*WHEREAS* it is recommended by Congress to pass Laws to prevent the counterfeiting the Tickets, issued by Congress, in the present States Lottery; and for the Punishment of those who may be convicted of counterfeiting or forging any such Ticket: *Be it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That any Person or Persons convicted of said Crime, be liable to suffer the Pains of Death, without the Benefit of Clergy, with Confiscation of all and singular the real and personal Estate of the Offender; and that the same, when recovered, be paid into the General Treasury, for the Use of this State.



Act, in Addition to the Act, for preventing Monopolies, &c.

*An ACT* in Addition to, and Amendment of, an Act, entitled, "*An Act to prevent Monopolies and Oppression, and for the better Supply of our Troops,*" &c.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That from and after the tenth Day of *April* next ensuing, the Price of Farming Labour, viz. for Mowing and Reaping in their Seasons, shall not exceed three Shillings and six Pence per Day, and in the three Winter Months one Shilling and six Pence per Day, and at all other Times of the Year two Shillings per Day: That for the three Summer Months the Price of Labour by the Month shall not exceed

exceed forty-eight Shillings when found, and at all other Seasons in the same Proportion, compared with Day Labour : That Common Labour in the Town of *Providence* shall not exceed four Shillings and six Pence per Day, they finding themselves, and three Shillings when found : That the Price of *Indian Corn* in the Towns of *Providence*, *Bristol*, *Warren*, *Tiverton*, and *Little-Compton*, shall not exceed four Shillings per Bushel, and in the compact Part of the Town of *East-Greenwich* three Shillings and nine Pence per Bushel ; and Rie five Shillings per Bushel ; and in all other Places in this State, Corn shall not exceed three Shillings and six Pence per Bushel ; and Rie four Shillings and six Pence per Bushel ; Meal, at the Places where Meal has usually been sold, shall be at a Price in Proportion, according to the usual Customs ; and good Rie and Indian Bread shall not exceed fourteen Shillings for every one Hundred and twelve Pounds Weight, and in that Proportion for every other Quantity : That the Price of Stone-Lime shall not exceed, at *Providence*, four Dollars per Hoghead : That fresh Fish shall not exceed, at the Places where they are caught, one Penny one Farthing per Pound ; in the Town of *Providence* two Pence Half-penny ; and at all other Places within this State two Pence per Pound : That Oysters shall not exceed two Shillings per Bushel at Market : That *Jamaica* Spirits by the Gallon, per Hoghead, shall not exceed nine Shillings, the Seller finding the Cask, and by Retail in the same Proportion as other *West India* Rum : That *West-India* Rum be six Pence, and *New-England* four Pence per Jill : That in case any Person shall sell any of the above Spirits under Proof, he shall forfeit the Value of the same, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this State : That Oats be four Pence per Pottle : That good merchantable Men's Shoes shall not exceed nine Shillings per Pair ; and that Beaver Hats shall not be sold for more than forty-eight Shillings a Piece.

*AND* be it further Enacted, That in case any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of any Town within this State, more especially the Families of Soldiers in the Service of their Country, shall be distressed for Want of any necessary Articles of Life, and which are within their Towns, and shall be withheld from Sale by the Persons to whom the same belong, to monopolize and engross the same, upon Complaint thereof made to either of the Members of the Town-Council or Overseers of the Poor in such Town, under Oath, he shall certify the same, and the Quantity necessary to relieve such distressed Person or Persons, to any Justice of the Peace within said Town, who on Receipt thereof shall issue his Warrant to the Town-Serjeant, or either of the Constables of said Town, authorizing him, if necessary, to break and enter any Store or other Place, and seize out of the Hands of such Monopolizer and Engrosser so much as shall be certified to be necessary as aforesaid, and deliver the

same to such distressed Person or Persons at the stated Prices ; and the Monies for which such Articles shall be sold (after deducting all lawful Cost and Charges accruing on the Process aforesaid) shall be returned to the Owner of the Article or Articles so seized and impressed.

*AND it is further Enacted*, That so much of the Act aforesaid as relates to the Price of Farming Labour, *Indian* Corn and Ric, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That a Committee be appointed by each of the Towns within this State, on the third *Wednesday* in *April* next, to provide Necessaries for the Families of Soldiers belonging thereto, who shall engage in the public Service within this State, and deliver the same to such Families at the Price affixed by Law, without any additional Expence to such Soldiers, they lodging with or remitting Money to such Committee for that Purpose.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the above and foregoing Regulations of the several Articles and Things be in Force, any Law to the Contrary notwithstanding ; and that this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.



Gen. Varnum  
to pay 10,000  
Dollars into the  
General Treas-  
ury.

**WHEREAS** this Assembly is informed, that Ten Thousand Dollars hath been received by Mr. *Jonathan Hazard*, from the Deputy Pay-Master-General of the Eastern Department, for discharging the Bounties allowed by Congress to the Officers and Soldiers who should enlist in the Continental Battalions, ordered to be raised by this State ; which hath since been delivered by the said *Jonathan*, to Brigadier-General *Varnum*, as appears by his Receipt now before this Assembly : And whereas a large Sum of Money hath been advanced by this State for the Purpose aforesaid, which was to have been repaid when Money should be received for paying said Bounty from the Continent : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Brown* be, and he is hereby, requested to apply to General *Varnum* for said Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, and upon his receiving the same, that he give his Receipt therefor, and pay it into the General Treasury.

P. Gardner al-  
lowed £ 6.

**WHEREAS** Mr. *Paris Gardner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for one Month's Wages as Adjutant of Col. *Sands'* Regiment : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That six Pounds, lawful Money, of said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that said Sum be paid unto the said *Paris Gurdner*, out of the General Treasury.

**WHEREAS**



WHEREAS In the distressed Situation of this State, attacked by a powerful Detachment of the *British* Army and Navy, his Excellency General *Washington* ordered to our Assistance two Generals of Distinction in the Continental Army; previous to which the General Assembly of this State had appointed Major *Francois Lellorquis de Malmedy*, a Brigadier-General in the Pay and Service of this State; and whereas, since the Arrival of the Generals first mentioned, considering the very heavy Burthen of Expence, which is rapidly increasing upon us, as well as the very small Number of Troops in this State to be commanded, it is incompatible with the Dictates of Prudence for this State to continue General Officers in Pay, at their particular and separate Expence: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly do hereby dismiss the said Brigadier-General *Malmedy* from the Service of this State, with a very grateful Remembrance of his Abilities, Activity and Zeal; and of his unwearied Exertions in the Cause of *America* in general, and the Service of this State in particular. And as a further Testimony of their favourable Opinion of General *Malmedy's* Services, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That a Present be made him, of the Sum of fifty Pounds, lawful Money.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary authenticate a Copy of this Resolve, and deliver the same to Brigadier-General *Malmedy*, together with the Sum of fifty Pounds abovesaid.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith* be, and hereby is, directed to settle the Wages and Rations of Brigadier-General *Malmedy*, up to the tenth Day of *April* next, and pay him what shall be due on that behalf; and that he also pay the Sum of fifty Pounds to the Secretary, to be presented to General *Malmedy*, with the Copy of his Vote of Dismission above-mentioned.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That whenever any Business of Importance shall make it necessary to call the General Assembly, the Governor is hereby required to call the same in the County where the General Assembly last sat.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathan Miller* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Ration Bills, &c. paid by him to sundry Officers: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being eight Pounds, and three Pence, lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Nathan Miller*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act passed at this Session reviving the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, which was to have been held in the County of *King's-County* on the eleventh Day

General *Malmedy* dismissed from Service in this State.

Act regulating the calling the Assembly.

*N. Miller* allowed 6 8 0

Act altering the Time for holding the Superior and Inferior Courts in *King's-County*.

Day of *March* instant, and also adjourning the Term of the Superior Court for said County, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas, which was to have been held in the said County on the said eleventh Day of *March*, but for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices fell through, be, and the same is hereby, revived, and ordered to be holden on *Saturday* the fifth Day of *April*, at the State-House in said County: That all Business pending before the said Court, which fell through, be then and there heard and determined: That all Appeals be had from said Court to the Superior Court of Judicature for said County, to be holden at the stated Term on the first *Monday* in *April* next: And that Reasons of Appeal may be filed, and Bonds be given, on the first or second Day of said Term. Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the Contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Act establishing further Regulations respecting the Test-Act.

**WHEREAS** the Test or Declaration ordered to be subscribed, by an Act of this Assembly, by the Inhabitants of this State, hath been tendered to many of said Inhabitants individually for Subscription, who have refused to subscribe the same, or produce a Certificate, agreeable to the Requisitions of said Act, and have thereby manifested themselves unfriendly to the Liberties of this and the other *United States*: *It is therefore Resolved*, That said Inhabitants who have refused to subscribe said Test, when tendered to them as aforesaid, or produce said Certificate, be not permitted in future to subscribe said Test or Declaration without Permission first had from this Assembly, any Act to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding; and that this Resolve be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

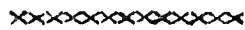
Officers in the 15 Months Battalions, to enlist a certain Number of Men.

**RESOLVED**, That those commissioned Officers in the fifteen Months Battalions and Train, who have not enlisted and shall not enlist the following Number of Men, viz. a Captain twenty, a first Lieutenant sixteen, a second Lieutenant twelve, and an Ensign ten Men, and make the proper Returns thereof by the first Day of *May* next, shall be dismissed the Service.

*AND it is further Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Commanding Officer on each Post to detain on constant Duty those Officers only who have already completed their Enlistments, according to the Numbers above mentioned, and admit the rest in Turn to recruit within said Term, in order that they may have it in their Power to comply with this Resolve: And it is enjoined upon all, both Field-Officers and others, to use every Endeavour to fill the said Regiments by the said first Day of *May*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Election, for the present Year, be held at *Providence*; that the second Session of the General Assembly be held at *South-Kingstown*; the third at *East-Greenwich*; and the fourth Session at *Providence*: And that every Session of Assembly, by Adjournment, shall in that Manner be continued in Rotation (taking Place by Seniority of Counties) allowing, during the Time that the General Assembly cannot be convened upon the Island of *Rhode-Island*, the same Number of Sessions, by Adjournment, to the County of *Providence*, as are allowed to both the Counties of *King's County* and *Kent*.

Act regulating the future Sessions of the Assembly.



An ACT for numbering all Persons able to bear Arms within this State.

Act for Numbering the Inhabitants of this State.

**BE** it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That the following Persons be appointed Committee-Men, for the Towns to which their Names are respectively ascribed, for the Purposes herein after mentioned, to wit:

For <i>Providence</i> ,	<i>Mr. Martin Seamans</i> ,
<i>Warwick</i> ,	<i>Mr. James Jerauld</i> ,
<i>Westerly</i> ,	<i>Joseph Crandall</i> , Esq;
<i>North-Kingstown</i> ,	<i>Joseph Coggeshall</i> , Esq;
<i>South-Kingstown</i> ,	<i>Thomas Potter</i> , Esq;
<i>East-Greenwich</i> ,	<i>Benjamin Tillinghast</i> , Esq;
<i>Jamestown</i> ,	<i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , Esq;
<i>Smithfield</i> ,	<i>Daniel Mowry</i> , Esq;
<i>Scituate</i> ,	<i>Mr. Joseph Davis</i> ,
<i>Gloucester</i> ,	<i>Capt. Asa Kimbal</i> ,
<i>Charlestown</i> .	<i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , Esq;
<i>West-Greenwich</i> ,	<i>Samuel Hopkins</i> , jun. Esq;
<i>Coventry</i> ,	<i>Samuel Wall</i> , Esq;
<i>Exeter</i> ,	<i>George Peirce</i> , Esq;
<i>Bristol</i> ,	<i>Daniel Bradford</i> , Esq;
<i>Tiverton</i> ,	<i>Walter Cooke</i> , Esq;
<i>Little Compton</i> ,	<i>Philip Taylor</i> , Esq;
<i>Warren</i> ,	<i>William T. Miller</i> , Esq;
<i>Cumberland</i> ,	<i>John Dexter</i> , Esq;
<i>Richmond</i> ,	<i>Capt. Sim. Clarke</i> , jun.
<i>Cranston</i> ,	<i>Nehemiah Knight</i> , Esq;
<i>Hopkinton</i> ,	<i>Thomas Wells</i> , Esq;
<i>Johnston</i> ,	<i>Richard Eddy</i> , Esq;
<i>North-Providence</i> ,	<i>Capt. Joseph Olney</i> ,
<i>Barrington</i> ,	<i>Mr. Henry Bowen</i> .

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committees make regular Lists or Registers of the Names

Names of all the male Persons inhabiting or residing within their respective Towns,

From sixteen to fifty Years of Age, whom they shall judge able to bear Arms.

From ditto to ditto, whom they shall judge unable to bear Arms.

From fifty to sixty, able to bear Arms.

From ditto to ditto, not able ; and,

From sixty upwards.

THAT Lists be made of those who are transient or resident Persons in the same Manner ; as also of those belonging to the Towns within this State in the Possession of the Enemy ; of *Negroes* and *Indians* in the same Manner ; and also of those who have taken the Affirmation, or produced Certificates from the *Friends Meeting*, to excuse them from military Duty ; as also of those who have enlisted into the Continental Battalions, or into the Service of this State for fifteen Months ; setting down the Names of all the Persons numbered in separate Columns : And after the Lists aforesaid are made, the said Committees shall make Oath, before some Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, that the same hath been justly and truly made, according to the best of the Knowledge of such Committee-Man ; which Lists, so made and sworn to, shall be returned by the said Committees to the General Assembly at their next Sessions, to be holden at *South-Kingsdown*, on the seventeenth Day of *April* next.

AND be it further Enacted, That in case either of the said Committees shall refuse to serve, that either of the Deputies of the Town where such Committee resides be empowered to appoint other suitable Persons in their Places.

AND it is also Enacted, That the Commanding Officers of the two Continental Battalions raised by this State, and of the two Regiments and Train of Artillery enlisted by this State for fifteen Months, be requested to make Return to the General Assembly, on the said seventeenth Day of *April* next, of the Soldiers they shall have then enlisted, with the Towns to which said Soldiers belong, in order that the General Assembly may then know the Strength of the State.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Secretary, as soon as may be, furnish the said Committees with Copies of this Act, and with blank Columns for the Purposes aforesaid

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Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*,  
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in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; and in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to *Thursday* the Seventeenth Day of *April* next, then to meet at *South-Kingstown*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

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HENRY WARD, *Sec'ry.*

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Thursday* the Seventeenth Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

DANIEL CAHOON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

April, 1777.

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Honorable WILLIAM GREENE, Esq; Speaker.*NEWPORT:  
*Mr. John Tanner.*PROVIDENCE:  
*Jonathan Arnold, Esq;*  
*Mr. John Brown,*  
*Mr. John Smith,*  
*Theodore Foster, Esq;*PORTSMOUTH:  
NoneWARWICK:  
*Mr. Jacob Greene,*  
*Mr. Thomas Holden.*WESTERLY:  
*Joshua Babcock, Esq;*  
*Col. Joseph Noyes.*NEW-SHOREHAM:  
None.NORTH-KINGSTOWN:  
*John Northup, Esq;*  
*Major Sylvester Gardner.*SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:  
*Immanuel Cafe, Esq;*  
*Daniel Rodman, Esq;*EAST-GREENWICH:  
*Job Comstock, Esq;*  
*Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast.*JAMESTOWN:  
*Capt. Samuel Carr,*  
*Benjamin Underwood, Esq;*SMITHFIELD:  
*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;*  
*Capt. Andrew Waterman.*SCITUATE:  
*William West, Esq;*  
*Mr. Christopher Potter.*GLOUCESTER:  
*Richard Steere, Esq;*CHARLESTOWN:  
*Mr. James Congdon, 3d.*WEST-GREENWICH:  
*Mr. Samuel Hopkins, jun.*COVENTRY:  
*Ephraim Westcot, Esq;*EXETER:  
*George Peirce, Esq;*  
*Jeffery Wilcox, Esq;*MIDDLETOWN:  
None.BRISTOL:  
None.TIVERTON:  
None.LITTLE-COMPTON:  
None.WARREN:  
*Mr. Cromel Child,*  
*Sylvester Child, Esq;*CUMBERLAND:  
*John Dexter, Esq;*  
*Mr. Elisha Waterman.*RICHMOND:  
*Mr. Simeon Clarke.*CRANSTON:  
None.HOPKINTON:  
*Mr. John Larkin,*  
*Thomas Wells, Esq;*JOHNSTON:  
*Caleb Harris, Esq;*NORTH-PROVIDENCE:  
*Joseph Olney, Esq;*BARRINGTON:  
*Mr. Edward Bosworth.**JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*



**W**HEREAS Mr. *Azariah Crandall* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, delivered into the Continental Store, at *Providence*, in January, 1776: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Azariah Crandall*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Timothy Larkin*, a sick Soldier, on Duty in this State, laid before this Assembly an Account, charged against him by *Paul Her- rington*, for fundry Visits, and for Medicines administered to him during his Sickness: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound One Shilling* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Timothy Larkin*, by *James Congdon*, 3d. as one of the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin West* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences in taking up *Jacob Parker*, a Delerter, and delivering him to *Oliver Clarke*, Captain in one of the Continental Battalions: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Benjamin West*, by *John Northup*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Franklin*, jun. preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that Yesterday he laid before them the Reasons why he, his Father and Mother, were off *Block-Island*, and likewise for his and their not returning before the Time limited by Act of Assembly for that Purpose had expired; and further represented, that his Father has a large Family, great Part of which are entirely helpless, and depend upon their Parents for Support; and that if they should be detained, the Family must consequently suffer; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant to him and his Parents Permission to return Home.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Jobnston* (a Negro Man) who came from *Rhode-Island*, and brought off a Cedar Boat, be paid out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, for said Boat; and that she be taken into the Service of this State.

WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Reynolds* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire, &c. in going to Mr. *Lodowick Updike's* on publick Business, by Order of this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Henry Reynolds*, by *John Northup*, Esq; as one of the Committee of Safety.

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Committee to amend the Act for Relief of tender Consciences. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jonathan Arnold, Henry Ward, and Daniel Mowry*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise, alter and amend an Act for the Relief of tender Consciences; and that they report the same to this Assembly as soon as may be.

*J. Davis* allowed £ 62. WHEREAS Mr. *John Davis* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for making Ninety-three Tents, and for Thirty-one Pounds of Twine, by him provided for that Purpose: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixty-two Pounds Lawful Money*, be paid unto the said *John Davis*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Jenckes* allowed £ 9 9 1/2. 3d. WHEREAS Mr. *John Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Board of a Negro Man that formerly belonged to *George Rome*, and for a Pair of Shoes, and Tow Cloth for a Shirt, by him provided for said Negro Man: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Treepence Lawful Money*, be paid unto the said *John Jenckes*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to take Care of Stock, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathan Miller*, and *Daniel Bradford*, Esq; be a Committee to receive the Stock belonging to *William Vassal*, Esq; in the Hands of Mr. *John Walden*, and Mr. — *Cushing*; and that they appraise the same, and deliver it to Mr. *Thomas Greene*, he allowing what said Committee shall think reasonable for the Use of the said Stock.

Committee to appraise Stock, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Joseph Noyes*, and Messieurs *George Babcock* and *Enoch Hazard*, be a Committee to receive the Stock belonging to the Farm lately improved by Mr. *Silas Niles*; and that they appraise the same, and deliver it to Messieurs *Stephen Champlin* and *Job Watson*, to whom said Farm hath been leased; and that said Committee apply to said *Niles* for an Inspection of the Lease he received from Mr. *Samuel Sewall*, that the Quantity of Stock, &c. may be ascertained which was to be delivered by the said *Niles*, at the Expiration of said Lease.

*J. Babcock* to forward Powder, &c. 10 *Westerly.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to forward to *Westerly* a Quantity of Powder, &c. belonging to this State, which is now on the Road.

*S. Harding* allowed £ 1 4 1/2. WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Harding* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Use of his Horse, by General *Malmedy*, in viewing the Shores at *Bristol Ferry*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings Lawful Money*, be paid unto the said *Stephen Harding*, out of the General-Treasury.

*O. Eddy* allowed £ 3 12 1/2. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Oliver Eddy*, for a Small-Arm, delivered by him into the Store at *Prospect-Hill*, for the Use of the Continent.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS this Assembly at the last Session empowered such Inhabitants <sup>Freemen of</sup> of the Town of *Newport*, as were Freeman thereof at the Time it was taken Possession of by the Enemy, to meet at *Providence*, on the Sixteenth Instant, and choose Deputies to represent the said Town; who accordingly <sup>Newport to choose a Deputy in the Room of P. Mumford.</sup> met, and among others chose *Paul Mumford*, Esq; who having purchased an Estate in *Barrington*, and removed there with his Family, is also elected a Deputy for the said Town of *Barrington*; whereby a Vacancy is made in the Deputies of *Newport*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That such Inhabitants of the said Town of *Newport*, as were Freeman thereof at the Time it was taken Possession of as aforesaid, consisting of a Number not less than Seven, be empowered to meet together, at the State-House in *Providence*, on *Tuesday* the Sixth Day of *May* next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, to choose another Person in the Room of the said *Paul Mumford*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Perry*, President of the Town-Council of *Rhine Island*, laid before this Assembly an Account, charged by said Town-Council against the State, for a Number of Guns, Bayonets, Cartridge-Boxes, Blankets and Knapfacks, by them furnished, for the Use of the Troops raised as the Quota of that Town: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixty Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Edward Perry*, out of the General-Treasury. <sup>E. Perry allowed £ 65 15</sup>

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Job Comstock*, Esq; be empowered, as <sup>J. Comstock to have the Care of Negroes.</sup> Guardian, to have the Oversight of the Negroes late belonging to *George Rome*; and that Three Quarter Parts of the Profits of their Labour be paid by the said *Job* to the said Negroes; and that the other Part be retained by him, in Behalf of the State.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Sarah Slocum* and her Family are suspected of having communicated Intelligence and afforded Supplies to the Enemy at *Newport*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Lodowick Updike* be requested and impowered forthwith to remove the said Mrs. *Slocum* and her Family from his Farm in *North-Kingstown*: That if said *Lodowick* shall refuse or neglect to remove them within Ten Days, the Sheriff for the County of *King's County* be and he is hereby directed to remove them; and that she with her Family reside in such Parts on the Main as are distant not less than two Miles from the salt Water. <sup>S. Slocum to be removed from L. Updike's Farm.</sup>

WHEREAS Mr. *Paul Allen*, as Agent for the Privateer Sloop *Independence*, laid before this Assembly an Account, charged against the State, for sundry Cannon and warlike Stores, taken out of the Prize-Ship *Friendship*, for the Use of the State: And the said Account having been referred to *Thomas Greene*, Esq; and Mr. *Joseph Brown*, who were appointed a Committee to examine the same, who reported a Balance of *Eight Hundred and Three Pounds Six Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, due upon said Account: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that said Balance be paid unto the said *Paul Allen*, out of the General-Treasury. <sup>P. Allen allowed £ 803 6 7 1/2</sup>

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Jenckes* be appointed and empowered to take Care of the Powder and other Articles, not yet made <sup>to take Care of</sup> <sup>Life Powder.</sup>

Use of, belonging to this State, in the Store of Messieurs *Clarke* and *Nightingale*.

**Draught of a Letter to Governor Trumbull approved.** WHEREAS the Draught of a Letter to his Honor Governor *Trumbull* was laid before this Assembly: Which having been duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is approved: That a fair Copy thereof be made; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to sign the same, and forward it immediately.

**Draught of a Letter to the Speaker of the Massachusetts Assembly approved.** WHEREAS the Draught of a Letter to the Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, was laid before this Assembly: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Draught be and hereby is approved: That a fair Copy thereof be made; and that his Honor the Governor sign the same, and forward it immediately.

**J. Noyes to forward Powder, &c. to Westerly.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Joseph Noyes* be and he is hereby appointed to forward to *Westerly* a Quantity of Powder, &c. belonging to this State, in the Room of *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; who declines.

**B. Underwood to tax the Bills of Cost for Newport Inferior Court.** WHEREAS all the Bills of Cost of the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of *Newport*, were left at *Newport* to be taxed; but as the Enemy took Possession of *Newport* before the said Bills of Cost were returned to the Clerk, it is necessary to draw new Bills of Cost: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; one of the Judges of said Court, be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to tax said Bills of Cost, to be drawn as aforesaid.

**Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John Brown*, *John Jenckes*, and the standing Committee, be appointed, they or any three of them, to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

**D. Howell to sell the Chaise purchased for this State, at Vendue.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *David Howell* be and he is hereby appointed to procure to be put in good Repair the Chaise which he and Mr. *Jacob Greene* purchased for the Use of this State, and came Home from *Philadelphia* in, and sell the same at public Vendue to the highest Bidder; and that he pay the Money it shall sell for, into the General-Treasury.

**Committee to determine the Allowances to wounded Soldiers.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Jonathan Arnold*, *John Brown*, and *John Smith*, be a Committee to determine what Allowances shall be made to the Officers and Soldiers that have been or shall be wounded in the Continental Service, agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

**J. Larkin to pay £ 6 8 s. 0 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$  into the Treasury.** WHEREAS Mr. *John Larkin*, who was appointed to take Possession of a Horse belonging to one *Jacob Parker* (a Soldier who deserted the Service of this State) and sell the same at public Vendue, laid before this Assembly an Account of his Proceedings in that Affair, upon Examination whereof there appears a Balance of *Six Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money to be due to the State: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and is hereby allowed; and that said Balance be paid by the said *John Larkin* into the General-Treasury, for the Use of this State.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been held in *South-Kingstown*, within and for the County of *King's County*, on the First Monday of April current, by Reason of the Non-attendance of the Justices of said Court, was not holden: Wherefore, *Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That the said Court be revived, and be holden in said *South-Kingstown*, on the First Thursday in May next: That all Business before said Court be then heard and determined: That all Matters and Things which were or could be then heard and determined, be by said Court adjudged upon, in the same Manner as though said Court had been holden in the usual Term: That the Jurors who were drawn for said Court do then and there attend: That all Executions returnable to said Court, be then and there returned; and that this Act be published in the next *Providence Gazette*.

Superior Court in King's County revived.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That no Tax be assessed upon the Inhabitants of the Towns now in Possession of the Enemy, and who have removed into other Towns, for their personal Estates; and that they be discharged from any Tax already assessed upon their personal Estates which is not as yet collected.

Inhabitants of the Towns in Possession of the Enemy not to be taxed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Reynolds* be and he is hereby empowered to purchase, in either of the *New-England States*, Blankets and Cloth, sufficient for making One Thousand Suits of Cloathing for the Troops ordered to be raised within this State; that he draw Money out of the General-Treasury, to pay for the same, and that he make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. Reynolds to purchase Cloathing and Blankets.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Cromel Child* be appointed to sell the Tops of Trees and Brush on the Farm in the County of *Bristol*, late belonging to Mr. *Lemuel Palmer*, on Account of this State.

Brush, &c. on L. Palmer's Farm to be sold

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Towns of *East-Greenwich*, *Warwick* and *Coventry*, be permitted to inoculate for the Small-Pox, under the Direction of their respective Town-Councils, subject to the same Restrictions and Provisions as heretofore enacted, by this Assembly.

Inoculation allowed.

WHEREAS his Excellency General *Washington* hath ordered the Continental Troops within this State immediately to march to join the Army in the *Jerseys*, which renders it necessary that they should forthwith be furnished with Blankets, &c. And whereas this Assembly is informed, that Messieurs *Nicholas* and *John Brown* have in their Possession about Eight Hundred Blankets belonging to the Continent: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Nicholas* and *John Brown* be and they are hereby requested to deliver said Blankets to Mr. *John Smith*, for the Use of said Troops, that the Orders of General *Washington* may be immediately complied with.

Blankets to be delivered to J. Smith

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Greenman* preferred a Petition and repiencited unto this Assembly, that while in the Service of this State, on the Island of *Prudence*, he received a Wound in his Knee, by which he hath entirely lost the Use of one of his Legs: That he hath hitherto been allowed Eightpence per Day, being Half Wages, without any Billet towards his Support: That he hath a Wife and four small Children to maintain, and

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is still unable to do any Labour, which renders him rather a Burthen than Help to his Family: And thereupon besought this Assembly to take his Case into Consideration, and grant that he may receive the same Rations as he drew while in Service in this State.

AND the Premises being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

Petition of  
G. W. Bab-  
cock, &c.,  
granted.

WHEREAS Messieurs *George Waite Babcock, Joseph Spencer Taylor, John Slocum, and Christopher Pearce*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that having the Welfare of their Country at Heart, and willing to support it with their Lives, and having Reason to think that the Enemy are determined to make some Excursion on the Main, and well knowing that there is not a sufficient Number of Men to guard the Town of *Updike's Newtown*, where there are many Persons who are incapable of moving out with their Effects, they have raised a Company consisting at present of Thirty-six Men, including Officers; and that by a Majority of said Company present at *Updike's Newtown*, on the Fourteenth Day of *April* inst. they were nominated as Officers to said Company, and were requested in their Behalf to make Application to this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with the same Privileges as have been granted to other Independent Companies; and thereupon the said Petitioners prayed this Assembly to grant a Charter to the said Company, and Commissions to them; and that they may be stationed in *Updike's Newtown*, where they will be ready to march, compleatly equipped, to any Part of the Shore where the Enemy may land.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petitioners, with such others as shall insist with them, not exceeding Sixty-four Men, exclusive of commissioned Officers, be incorporated into a separate and distinct military Company, by the Name of the *Newtown Rangers*, to be commanded by one Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign: That they be entitled to the same Privileges as have been heretofore granted by this Assembly to the *North-Providence Rangers*, and on the same Conditions; and that the Secretary make out a fair Copy of the Act incorporating the said *North-Providence Rangers* (*mutatis mutandis*) to be signed by his Honor the Governor, and affix the Seal of the State, as a Charter for the said Company of *Newtown Rangers*.

Militia cal-  
led upon  
Duty.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the first Division of the second Draught of the Militia and Alarm and Independent Companies, heretofore draughted agreeable to the Resolves of this Assembly, passed at their Sessions in *December* and *March* last, be formed into Companies as are by said Resolves directed; and that they march to such Part of the Shores within their respective Counties as shall be directed by the Commanding Officer, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of this current *April*, properly equipped, to relieve those that are now upon Duty, and there to remain and do Duty for Fifteen Days from the Time they shall actually take the Field.

AND it is further *Voted and Resolved*, for their Encouragement to exert themselves in the Defence of their Country, That a Bounty of *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed to each non-commissioned Officer and Soldier

Soldier of said first Division of the second Draught of the Militia and Alarm and Independent Companies, who shall do his Duty; and that all Fines which shall be incurred for Delinquency, after deducting the Cost and Fees for collecting the same, shall be equally divided among the non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers doing Duty, who belong to the same Town with the Delinquents who shall neglect to do Duty.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That in case of Sickness and Inability to do Duty (which alone shall excuse any Person) it shall be in the Power of either of the Field Officers of the Regiment of the District to permit such Person to hire a Man to do his Tour of Duty; and if such sick and unable Person shall be so extremely Poor in the Judgment of such Field Officer as to be unable to hire a Person in his Stead, that such Field Officer be empowered to remit such poor Person's Fine.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the other Divisions of the Independent Companies, Alarm Companies and Militia, so draughted as aforesaid, relieve said Division agreeable to said Resolves; and that they be entitled to the same Wages and Encouragement as are allowed said Division, and be subject to the same Penalties.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That Copies of these Resolutions be immediately sent by Express to the Colonels of the Militia and Captains of Independent Companies.

WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Mumford, who was appointed to examine the Accounts of the Persons who took an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the several Towns within this State, reported, that the following Sums be allowed to each Person, for that Service, as set against their Names, to wit :

Providence, Martin Seamans,	-	-	£	2	8	0	Allowance to the Persons who took the Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the State.
Warwick, James Jerauld,	-	-		2	14	0	
Westerly, Joseph Crandall,	-	-		1	16	0	
North-Kingstown, Joseph Coggeshall,	-	-		2	14	0	
South-Kingstown, Benjamin Peckham,	-	-		2	14	0	
East-Greenwich, Benjamin Tillinghast,	-	-		1	11	6	
Jamestown, Benjamin Underwood,	-	-		1	7	0	
Smithfield, Daniel Mowry,	-	-		2	14	0	
Scituate, Benjamin Hills,	-	-		2	14	0	
Gloucester, Asa Kimball,	-	-		2	14	0	
Charlestown, James Congdon, 3d,	-	-		2	5	0	
West-Greenwich, Samuel Hopkins,	-	-		2	14	0	
Coventry, Samuel Walk,	-	-		2	14	0	
Exeter, George Peirce,	-	-		2	14	0	
Bristol, Daniel Bradford,	-	-		1	10	0	
Warren, William Turner Miller,	-	-		1	10	0	
Cumberland, John Dexter,	-	-		2	8	0	
Richmond, Caleb Barber,	-	-		2	5	0	
Cranston, Nehemiah Knight,	-	-		2	14	0	
Hopkinton, Thomas Wells,	-	-		2	14	0	
Johnston, Richard Eddy,	-	-		1	16	0	
North-Providence, Joseph Olney,	-	-		0	15	0	
Barrington, Daniel Kinnicut,	-	-		0	18	0	

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the several Sums therein mentioned be paid out of the General-Treasury to the said Persons respectively.

C. Holden,  
jun. allowed  
£ 1.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Holden*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Horse-hire in going Express from *Little-Red* to *Warwick*, on public Business, by Order of this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Charles Holden*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

Lists of the  
male Inha-  
bitants in the  
State to be  
bound toge-  
ther.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Lists of the male Inhabitants within this State, from Sixteen Years of Age and upwards, that have been taken and returned to this Assembly, agreeable to a Resolve passed at the last Session, be bound together, and lodged in the Secretary's Office.

Act regulat-  
ing the  
Number of  
Militia Of-  
ficers, who  
are to be  
paid when  
on Duty.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That for preventing unnecessary Expence, when the Militia and Alarm Men of this State, or any Part thereof, are called out to serve in the Pay of this State, or of the United States, no more commissioned and non-commissioned Officers shall be intitled to Pay, than a proper Number in Proportion to the Privates, *that is to say*, for every Company less than Thirty-six Privates, one commissioned Officer, one Sergeant, and one Corporal; for every Company more than Thirty-six and under Fifty Privates, two commissioned Officers, two Sergeants, and two Corporals; for every Company more than Fifty and under Sixty-four Privates, three commissioned Officers, three Sergeants and three Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer; and for every Company consisting of more than Sixty-four Privates, four commissioned Officers, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer; and for every Battalion of Five Hundred or more Privates, three Field Officers; for every Battalion under Five Hundred, and not less than Three Hundred Privates, a Lieutenant-Colonel and a Major; and for any Number of Privates above one Hundred and Fifty and under Three Hundred, one Lieutenant-Colonel, or one Major; and for all Regiments consisting of a Number not more than One Hundred and Fifty Privates, the eldest commissioned Officer present shall take the Command of the whole: That every Officer on Duty shall be allowed the same Pay that he is entitled to by his Commission: That to each Regiment consisting of not less than Three Hundred Privates, Pay shall be allowed for one Adjutant, and one Quarter-Master; and that any Regiment consisting of less than Three Hundred Privates, shall not be allowed either an Adjutant or Quarter-Master, unless they be ordered and shall actually march out of this State; but the common Duties of those Officers shall be performed, when within the State, by the Sergeant-Major and Orderly Sergeants.

*PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Voted and Resolved*. That the Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops within this State, for the Time being, have Liberty to call into Service all such Field Officers as he shall deem necessary for the public Service.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the several Independent Companies within this State, when called out to Service in the Pay of this State, or of the United States, shall be allowed Pay for the same  
Number



Number of Officers in Proportion to the Number of Privates, as are in the foregoing Resolve allowed to Militia and Alarm Men.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Jacob Greene* and *David Howell* exhibited unto *J. Greene* this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their and *D. Howell* Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *Baltimore*, in the State of *Maryland*, to receive the Money due to this State from the Continental-<sup>all allowed</sup> Treasury: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Ninety-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Jacob Greene* and *David Howell*, out of the General-Treasury. <sup>£ 99 4 1.</sup>

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Doctor *Stephen Wigneron* be requested to attend at the next Session of Assembly. <sup>*S. Wigneron*  
to attend at  
next Session.</sup>

*B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That Five Hundred effective Men be raised by the several Towns within this State (excepting the Towns of *Newport*, *Portsmouth*, *New-Shoreham* and *Middletown*) for filling the Continental Battalions raising by this State, on or before the Tenth Day of *May* next: That they be proportioned to the several Towns, according to the Number of Polls; and that Messieurs *John Northup*, *John Brown*, *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Sylvester Child*, *Charles Holden*, and *George Pierce*, be a Committee to proportion the same to the respective Towns in the following Manner, *that is to say*, the whole Number already enlisted, who are proper Inhabitants of or that belong to the respective Towns to which said Men are to be proportioned, be added to the Number of Five Hundred, and the Proportion be formed upon that Total, giving Credit to each Town for those already enlisted from such Town. <sup>Ad proportioning the Men to the several Towns.</sup>

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That each Town be empowered to give such a Sum, over and above the Bounties already allowed, as they can agree for with the Men enlisting, not exceeding the Sum of *Twenty-two Pounds* Lawful Money: That exact Accounts be kept of the Monies which shall be expended by each Town as aforesaid, which shall be refunded to them out of the General-Treasury; and that no further Sum be given as a Bounty by any Town, either in Behalf of the State or at their own Expence.

*It is also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Persons whose Names are set down in the subsequent List, be appointed and empowered to receive, out of the General-Treasury, the several Sums of Money assigned to their Names respectively, to advance the Bounties allowed by Congress, and this State, to each Soldier ordered to be raised by their respective Towns, *to wit* :

*Mr. James Arnold*, for the Town of *Providence*, *Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds*.

*Col. Chad Brown*, for the Town of *Gloucester*, *One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds*.

*BRIGADIER-General West*, for the Town of *Scituate*, *Two Thousand and Twenty-four Pounds*.

*John*

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*John Dexter, Esq;* for the Town of *Cumberland*, *Eight Hundred and Eighty Pounds.*

*Nebemiah Knight, Esq;* for the Town of *Cranston*, *Six Hundred and Sixteen Pounds.*

*Uriah Alverson, Esq;* for the Town of *Smithfield*, *Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds.*

*CAPT. Joseph Olney,* for the Town of *North-Providence*, *Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds.*

*Charles Holden, Esq;* for the Town of *Warwick*, *One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds.*

*Thomas Tillinghast, Esq;* for the Town of *East-Greenwich*, *One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds.*

*George Dyre, Esq;* for the Town of *West-Greenwich*, *Nine Hundred and Twenty-four Pounds.*

*Ephraim Westcott, Esq;* for the Town of *Coventry*, *One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds.*

*MAJOR Sylvester Gardner,* for the Town of *North-Kingstown*, *Eight Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds.*

*Immanuel Case, Esq;* for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, *One Thousand One Hundred Pounds.*

*LIEUT. Col. James Babcock,* for the Town of *Westerly*, *Five Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds.*

*Joseph Hoxsie, Esq;* for the Town of *Charlestown*, *Four Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds.*

*Thomas Wells, Esq;* for the Town of *Hopkinton*, *Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds.*

*John Chapman, Esq;* for the Town of *Exeter*, *One Thousand and Fifty-six Pounds.*

*Edward Perry, Esq;* for the Town of *Richmond*, *Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds.*

*MR. Stephen Smith,* for the Town of *Bristol*, *Five Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds.*

*Caleb Harris, Esq;* for the Town of *Johnston*, *Five Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds.*

*COL. Nathan Miller,* for the Town of *Warren*, *Five Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds.*

*COL. Nathaniel Martin,* for the Town of *Barrington*, *Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds.*

*Perez Richmond, Esq;* for the Town of *Little-Compton*, *Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds.*

*Benjamin Underwood, Esq;* for the Town of *Jamestown*, *One Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds.*

*COL. John Cooke,* for the Town of *Tiverton*, *One Thousand One Hundred Pounds.*

*IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any Town shall advance the said Bounties to any Person enlisted by them, who shall not pass Muster, the Loss thereof shall be borne by such Town.

*IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That every Person who shall be enlisted by any Town, and lives in another Town, shall be assigned to the Town where he lives or belongs as Part of its Proportion, such Town refunding the Sum paid to such enlisted Person to the Town which enlisted him.

*IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Town in this State which shall be deficient in raising its Proportion of Men as aforesaid, shall pay as a Fine to and for the Use of this State Ten Pounds for every Soldier they shall be deficient in, to be recovered in any of the Courts of Record within this State, by the General-Treasurer thereof.*

*IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if according to the Proportion so to be made as aforesaid, it shall appear that any Town in this State shall have furnished more Soldiers who were Inhabitants of such Town than shall be thereby reckoned to them, they shall be allowed, and have Credit given to such Town, therefor; and upon inlisting the Quota by this Act assigned them, including those that have not been credited for as aforesaid, they shall be excused from any Fine to which they are liable by this Act, for not raising the Number not reckoned to them as aforesaid.*

*IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if in the said Proportion any Town shall have Credit given for more Men, as Inhabitants of such Town, than they have actually furnished, such Town shall be obliged to make up the Number for which Credit shall be erroneously given; and in case of Neglect, shall be subject to the Fine and Penalties by this Act imposed.*

*IT is also further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit Copies of this Act, and also of the Act proportioning the Men assigned to the respective Towns, to the several Town-Clerks in this State, to which the Men so to be inlisted are proportioned, within Four Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that the said Town-Clerks, excepting the Town-Clerk of *Warren*, shall within Three Days after the Receipt thereof issue their Warrants for convening the Inhabitants of their respective Towns, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution.*

WHEREAS Messieurs *John Brown, Sylvester Child, Nathaniel Mumford, and Thomas Holden*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

We the Subscribers being appointed to ascertain to the several Towns the Number of Soldiers yet remaining to be inlisted into the Continental Battalions raising by this State, in order to make up the Number, including those already inlisted, to One Thousand Men, do report, That we have made a Calculation from the Rolls, returned from the several Towns, and after crediting each Town with the Number of Soldiers belonging thereto, which appears by the Returns to have been inlisted, do find the Quota yet to be inlisted by each Town to be as followeth, to wit:

<i>Providence,</i>	18	<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	27
<i>Gloucester,</i>	27	<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	21
<i>Scituate,</i>	46	<i>Coventry,</i>	28
<i>Cumberland,</i>	20	<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	10
<i>Cranston,</i>	14	<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	25
<i>Smithfield,</i>	22	<i>Westerly,</i>	12
<i>North-Providence,</i>	8	<i>Charlestown,</i>	11
<i>Warwick,</i>	36	<i>Hopkinton,</i>	22
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<i>Exeter,</i>	24	<i>Warren,</i>	13
<i>Richmond,</i>	17	<i>Barrington,</i>	8
<i>Johnston,</i>	13	<i>Little-Compton,</i>	18
<i>Bristol,</i>	13	<i>Jamestown,</i>	3
		<i>Tiverton,</i>	25

CAPT. Lewis's Return not being made, we have drawn the Proportions, without making any Allowance to any Town for what he hath inlisted.

JOHN BROWN,  
SYLVESTER CHILD,  
NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS HOLDEN.

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Number of Soldiers be raised by each Town according to its Proportion therein assigned.



An ACT in Addition to an Act intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and for preventing their being burthened with military Duty."

Act in Addition to the Act for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences.

WHEREAS the Invasion of this and the other United States of America, by a powerful Enemy, occasions great Distress, and very heavy Burthen of Expence, upon the Inhabitants: And whereas many Persons within this State, possessing Property therein, have availed themselves of the Act aforesaid, and avoided contributing their equal and necessary Proportion for the Defence of our Rights, Privileges and Estates, and from which they do and will derive, in all Respects, equal Benefit and Protection with other Subjects of this State, not exempted from personal military Service: To prevent which, and that they shall in future bear their equal Proportion thereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Captains of the several Companies of Militia and Alarm-Men, in each Regiment, shall make Return to their respective Colonels, or other commanding Field Officer, of all Persons within the District of their said Companies who have taken the Affirmation, or produced Certificates from the Meeting of Friends, from Time to Time, upon any Draught being ordered to be made from their said Companies; which Colonel, or other commanding Field Officer, shall cause them to be draughted in like Manner, and in Proportion to their Numbers, as those of the several Companies aforesaid shall be ordered to be draughted: And the said Colonel, or other commanding Field Officer, shall immediately after such Draught give in a List of all the Persons, so drawn in each Town, to the Town-Council of such Town; and thereupon such Town-Council shall depute and appoint one of their Members immediately to hire so many able-bodied Men as shall equal the Number returned as aforesaid, and for the same Term of Time as the Persons aforesaid shall

shall be draughted, upon the best Terms he can, at the Expence of the Persons within their respective Towns so draughted as aforesaid; each Person so draughted to pay the Expence of hiring a Person in his Room; which Members so deputed shall make immediate Return of the Persons so hired to the Colonel, or other commanding Field Officer of the Regiment to which they respectively belong, and shall, within Two Days after such Return, give Notice thereof to the Persons within their respective Towns, on whose Behalf they shall so hire them, and of the Sums they shall have advanced therefor, as aforesaid, and request them to pay the same: And upon their Refusal or Neglect for the Space of Five Days to pay the same, the Town-Council of the Town wherein the Persons so refusing to pay reside, and upon Notice thereof from their Member, deputed as aforesaid, is hereby empowered and directed to issue a Warrant of Distress, signed by their Clerk, and directed to the Town-Sergeant, or any of the Constables, of the same Town, to seize and distrain so much of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, and living in or belonging to the same Town, as shall be sufficient to pay the Sum advanced to hire Persons in their Behalf as aforesaid, and all lawful Costs and Fees; which Warrant shall be returnable into the Town-Clerk's Office of the same Town, within Thirty Days after the Date thereof: And the Goods and Chattels, seized and distrained as aforesaid, shall be sold at public Vendue, in the same Manner as they are ordered by Law to be sold to satisfy military Fines and Forfeitures; and if any overplus Monies, arising from the Sales of such Goods and Chattels as aforesaid, after deducting all lawful Demands, shall remain in his Hands, he shall lodge the same with the said Town-Clerk, at the Time he shall return his Warrant as aforesaid, to and for the Use of the Person from whom such Goods and Chattels shall be distrained.

*A N D it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person draughted as aforesaid shall be under the Age of Twenty-one Years, and shall not have sufficient Goods and Chattels in his Possession, whereupon to levy the said Warrant, the Officer to whom the same shall be directed be and hereby is empowered to levy the same upon the Goods and Chattels of the Parent or Guardian of such delinquent Minor, and therewith satisfy and pay all Charge of hiring a Person in the Room of such Minor, and all lawful Costs and Charges on that Account.*

*A N D it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for each Person hired as aforesaid, the Person hiring him shall be allowed Six Shillings, to be deducted out of the Monies arising from the Sales of the Goods and Chattels of the Person in whose Stead he shall be hired, to be taxed upon the Warrant, with the Fees of the Clerk, who shall have One Shilling for each Warrant by him granted; and the Officer making distrain as aforesaid shall be allowed Ten per Cent. upon the Amount of the Hire of each Person, and upon the lawful Costs, for his Trouble and Fees in collecting the same.*

*A N D it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Officer, whether civil or military, who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the Duties required of him by this Act, shall, upon Proof and Conviction thereof, forfeit and pay for each Offence Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this*

this State, together with all Costs of Prosecution and Conviction; one Half of which shall be paid to the Prosecutor, and the other Half into the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of this State.

*PROVIDED* always, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall not extend to Times of general Alarm, when the whole military Force of this State shall be ordered upon Duty together and at the same Time; but operate only when Detachments or Parts of each respective Company as aforesaid shall be ordered to be draughted out or detached for actual Service.

*AND* it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall take Place and be in Force within Ten Days; and that the Secretary send printed Copies thereof to each Colonel or commanding Field Officer of the several Regiments of Militia in this State, to the several Captains of the Companies of Militia and Alarm-Men, and to the several Town-Clerks within this State, within Six Days from the Rising of this Assembly.

*W. Potter* allowed 9s. WHEREAS *William Potter*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Half a Cord of Wood, by him provided, for the Use of this Assembly, at their Session in *South-Kingstown*, in *March* last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Nine Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *William Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Tefft* allowed £1 6s. 6d. WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the State-House in *King's County*, cutting and carrying in Wood, and for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Six Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Tefft* allowed 17s. 6d. WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Solomon Tefft*, out of the General-Treasury.

Act for paying the Members of Assembly repealed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act of this Assembly for paying the Members of the General Assembly, during their Attendance on the Assembly, be and the same is hereby repealed:

Land belonging to the Heirs of *J. Borland* to be leased. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, and *Daniel Redman*, Esquires, be empowered to let the Lot of Land, in *Point-Judith*, late belonging to Mr. *John Borland*, deceased, on the best Terms possible, to any Person that has or may subscribe the Test.

Officers chosen. BOTH Houses being resolved in a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, viz.

*James*

*James Williams*, Captain in Col. *Angell's* Battalion, in the Room of Capt. *Ephraim Bowen*, who declines.

*Samuel Hicks*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Thomas Arnold's* Company, in Col. *Greene's* Battalion.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Holden*, jun. presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to the *Jerseys*, as a Committee-Man, on public Business: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-seven Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Charles Holden*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Lafell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for keeping two Horses, belonging to the Government: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Lafell*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Silas Downer*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Fourteen Days Attendance on the Council of War, as their Clerk: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Silas Downer*, out of the General-Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Colonels of the Continental Battalions forthwith make a Return of the Names of the Men enlisted into their respective Battalions, and of the Places of their Nativity and Residence, at the Time of their enlisting, to the Council of War; and that the said Colonels, and the several Town-Clerks within this State, be immediately furnished with a Copy hereof.

WHEREAS a Petition was preferred to the last Session of this Assembly by Mr. *William Hull*, requesting to be discharged from a certain Bond, in which he became bound for Mr. *Jonathan Hazard*, Paymaster to one of the Continental Battalions ordered to be raised within this State, for Reasons in said Petition set forth: And whereas the said *Jonathan Hazard* hath represented to this Assembly, that he conceives himself injured by said Petition, as the same contains a Misrepresentation of Facts, and hath prayed this Assembly, that the same may be enquired into; and that for that Purpose the said *William Hull* may be cited to appear at the next Session of this Assembly, to answer such Questions as may be then proposed to him respecting the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William* be cited to attend at the next Session of this Assembly, to be held at *Providence*, on the First *Wednesday* of May next, agreeable to the Request of the said *Jonathan*; and that the said *William* be furnished by the Secretary with a Copy of this Resolve.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed in future to each of the Members of the Council of War, who do not reside within the Town of *Providence*; and *Six Shillings* to each of the Members

bers of said Council who reside within the Town of *Providence*, for each Day's Attendance on said Council; any Resolve to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

*W. Channing*  
allowed £ 3  
24 s.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences, in attending on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Assistant Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Lyndon* al-  
lowed £ 3 9 s.  
11 d.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire, Expences and Attendance on this Assembly, at the last Session, as Clerk of the Lower House: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Nine Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury.

Pay of the  
Troop of  
Horse.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Troop be allowed for themselves, for their Service from Time to Time, the same Wages as the Militia received, who were on Duty at the same Time: That they be allowed *Two Shillings per Day* each for their Horses: That they make out their Abstracts accordingly; and that the same be paid by either of the Committee of Safety in the County of *Providence*.

Committee to  
draft a Letter  
to the Marine  
Committee.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John Brown*, *Jonathan Arnold*, and *Daniel Caboon*, Esquires, be a Committee, they or any two of them, to draft a Letter to the Marine Committee of the Continental Congress, in Answer to their Letter to the Council of War of this State, dated the Fifth Day of *April* current, informing them of the present Situation of this State, so far as respects their Requisition; the Condition and Situation of the Continental naval Department in this State; and how far their Requisition has been complied with; and likewise how far this State hath advised and exerted itself in getting the Continental Frigates out of this State.

*J. Brown* to  
proceed to  
*Massachusetts-  
Bay*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Brown* be appointed to wait on the Council of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, with the Letter received from the Marine Committee of Congress to this State; and that he advise with them respecting the best Methods of complying with the Requisition of said Committee, and request they will assist us with Men for that Purpose; and if the said *John Brown* shall obtain the request, in that case the Council of War of this State are fully empowered and requested to exert every Method in their Power to effect the Intention of the said Marine Committee.

*J. Carter* al-  
lowed £ 59  
2 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing the Acts of this Assembly at *March* Session 1776; for printing several Acts of Assembly, Resolves of the Council of War, and Advertisements in the *Providence Gazette*; for Postage of a Number of Letters on public Service, and for divers other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It*

is



is Voted and Resolved. That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Three-pence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons hereafter named be and they are hereby appointed to procure, on the best Terms, Six Blankets each, within their respective Towns, for the Use of the Continental Troops now under Inoculation in the County of *Kent*, to wit: For *Providence*, *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; *Johnston*, *Caleb Harris*, Esq; *Smithfield*, Capt. *Andrew Waterman*; *Gloucester*, *Richard Steer*, Esq; *Scituate*, *William West*, Esq; *Cranston*, *Nehemiah Knight*, Esq; *Cumberland*, *Elisba Waterman*, Esq; *North-Providence*, *Joseph Olney*, Esq; *Warwick*, *Charles Holden*, Esq; *Coventry*, *Ephraim Westcott*, Esq; *East-Greenwich*, *Stephen Mumford*, Esq; *West-Greenwich*, *Mr. Samuel Hopkins*, jun. *South-Kingstown*, *Immanuel Case*, Esq; *North-Kingstown*, *Major Sylvester Gardner*; *Westerly*, Col. *Joseph Noyes*; *Charlestown*, *Mr. James Congdon*, 3d; *Exeter*, *George Pearce*, Esq; *Hopkinton*, *Thomas Wells*, Esq; *Richmond*, *Mr. Simeon Clarke*, jun. And it is further Voted and Resolved, That they deliver said Blankets, and present their Accounts for the same, to either of the Committees of Safety in the Counties of *Providence*, *King's County* and *Kent*, within Three Days from the Rising of this Assembly: And the said Committee of Safety are directed to discharge said Accounts, and forward said Blankets to the Hospitals in which said Troops are inoculated.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Company of *Newtown Rangers* forthwith embody themselves into a Company, agreeable to a Resolve of this Assembly, and immediately take the Field, and do Duty with the Militia.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished; be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the First Tuesday in *May* next, at *Providence* (if called) but if not called before nor at said Time, that then the same be and hereby is dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

Published according to Order, on Thursday the First Day of May, A. D. 1777, by

HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward*



At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the said State, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

P R E S E N T.

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

*William Bradford, Esq;* Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

DANIEL CAHOON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES.

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWN

## NEWPORT:

Henry Ward, *Esq*;  
*Col.* Joseph Belcher,  
 Christopher Ellery, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Caleb Gardner,  
*Mr.* Thomas Rumreill,  
*Mr.* William Borden.

## PROVIDENCE:

Jonathan Arnold, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Brown,  
*Mr.* John Smith,  
*Mr.* William Rhodes.

## PORTSMOUTH:

*Capt.* David Gifford.

## WARWICK:

*Mr.* James Rhodes,  
*Mr.* Benjamin Arnold, *jun.*  
*Mr.* Thomas Rice, *jun.*

## WESTERLY:

*Mr.* Thomas Rofs,  
*James* Babcock, *Esq*;

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*;  
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq*;

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Immanuel Cafe, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Enoch Hazzard.

## EAST-GREENWICH:

Job Comstock, *Esq*;  
 Rufus Spencer, *Esq*;

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt.* Samuel Carr,  
 Benjamin Underwood, *Esq*;

## SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq*;

## SCITUATE:

Job Randall, *Esq*;  
 Timothy Hopkins, *Esq*;

## GLOUCESTER:

*Mr.* John Smith, *jun.*  
*Mr.* Stephen Winfor.

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Col.* Gideon Hoxfie,  
*Mr.* Robert Congdon.

## WEST-GREENWICH:

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Elisha Greene.

## COVENTRY:

Ephraim Westcot, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Greene (*Son of Thomas.*)

## EXETER:

John Chapman, *Esq*;  
 Daniel Sunderland, *Esq*;

## MIDDLETOWN:

None.

## BRISTOL:

Nathaniel Fales, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Stephen Smith.

## TIVERTON:

*Mr.* Isaac Manchester,  
 William Cooke, *Esq*;

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, *jun.* *Esq*;

## WARREN:

*Mr.* Cromel Child,  
*Col.* Sylvester Child.

## CUMBERLAND:

Thomas Angell, *Esq*;  
*Col.* George Peck.

## RICHMOND:

*Major* Richard Bailey,  
*Mr.* Joseph Woodmanfie, *jun.*

## CRANSTON:

*Col.* Christopher Lippitt,  
*Mr.* Nehemiah Rhodes.

## HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Edward Wells.

## JOHNSTON:

*Mr.* Noah Mathewson,  
*Mr.* Ebenezer Sprague.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Joseph Olney, *Esq*;  
 Eslek Hopkins, *Esq*;

## BARRINGTON:

Paul Mumford, *Esq*;  
 Peleg Heath, *Esq*;

*The Honorable.* WILLIAM GREENE, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker; and

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

**T**HIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil Officers, and military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, chosen. the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, to wit :

The Honorable NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.

John Collins, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

John Tanner, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

Ambrose Page, Esq; Third Assistant.

John Sayles, jun. Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

Daniel Cahoon, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

James Arnold, jun. Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Josiah Arnold, Esq; Seventh Assistant.

Peter Phillips, Esq; Eighth Assistant.

William Potter, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

Pardon Grey, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

William Channing, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

DELEGATES to represent the State in CONGRESS.

The Honorable STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq;

The Honorable WILLIAM ELLERY, Esq;

The Honorable HENRY MARCHANT, Esq;

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of Light Infantry in the Town of Gloucester, and is as follows, to wit : Officers of the Gloucester Light Infantry.

Timothy Wilmarth, jun. Captain.

David Richmond, First Lieutenant.

Martin Smith, Second Lieutenant.

Caleb Sheldon. Ensign

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and hereby are approved.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety within this State be and they are hereby directed to pay to any of the Soldiers late in Col. Lippitt's Regiment, in the Continental Service, all such Sums of Money as shall be certified by Col. Lippitt to be due to them for their Wages while in said Service, and which through Mistake were not included in the Abstracts. Soldiers to be paid.

WHEREAS Col. Thomas Church laid before this Assembly an Abstract of the Pay of Six Boatmen stationed at *Seconet Point*, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly, from the Sixth of February, to the Sixth of April : Which being duly considered by this Assembly. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Thirty-six Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid to the said Thomas Church, out of the General-Treasury. T. Church to draw £36 out of the Treasury.

WHEREAS

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Draft of a  
Commission  
for the Dele-  
gates in Con-  
gress.

WHEREAS the following Form of a Commission, to be issued to the Delegates appointed to represent this State in Congress, was laid before this Assembly, *to wit* :

*By the Honorable* NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq; Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

To

Esq; Greeting:

WHEREAS by the free Vote of the Freemen of said State on the First Wednesday of May inst. you the said was elected a Delegate to represent the said State, for one Year, in the General Congress of Delegates from the Thirteen United States of America, now sitting at Philadelphia, or wherever the same may sit: I do therefore, in the Name of the Governor and Company of the said State, hereby authorize, empower and commissionate you the said in Conjunction with the other Delegates, that are or may be elected Delegates of the said State, or separately and alone, in case of the Sickness or necessary Absence of the other Delegates of said State, to represent the said State in the said General Congress; and in Behalf thereof to join with the Delegates from the other States, or the major Part of them, in all such Measures as shall be thought best for promoting the Defence and Welfare of the said United States, agreeable to the Instructions given or that may be given you by the General Assembly.

*G I V E N* under my Hand and the Seal of the said State, at Providence, this Day of in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By his Honor's Command.

WHICH being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is approved; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to issue a Commission to the Honorable Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery, and Henry Marchant, Esquires, appointed Delegates to represent this State in the Most Honorable the Congress of the Thirteen United States of America, agreeable to the aforementioned Form.

*B. Wait* al-  
lowed £ 5.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Wait* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in going Express with the Acts of Assembly and Rate-Bills to the several Town-Clerks in King's County, for carrying Acts of Assembly to the Field Officers and Commanders of Independent Companies in said County, and for going Express with a Letter from Col. Noyes, to his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds Lawful Money, be paid the said *Beriah Wait*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Potter* al-  
lowed £ 2 5 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Potter* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences, and the Ride of his Horse to Providence, on Express from the Sheriff of the

the County of *King's County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and is hereby allowed ; and that *Two Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Samuel Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, Five Hundred Men were proportioned to the several Towns, to be raised on or before the Tenth Day of May inst. for filling the Continental Battalions raising within this State, upon the Penalty of *Ten Pounds* Lawful Money, for each Soldier said Towns shall then be deficient in : And whereas it hath been represented to this Assembly, that the said Time is not sufficient for raising said Men : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That if any of the Towns within this State who shall not have raised their respective Proportions of said Five Hundred Men, on or before the said Tenth Day of May and shall raise their said Proportions by the Fifteenth Day of May inst. such delinquent Town shall be discharged from any Fines they may have incurred by their said Deficiency.

AND it is further Resolved, That said Towns be permitted to advance such Sums of Money, in Addition to the Bounty and Encouragement heretofore allowed, as they shall think proper for procuring their Quotas of said Men ; any thing in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That each Town in this State, which shall be deficient in raising its Proportion as aforesaid, by said Fifteenth Day of May, shall pay said Fine of *Ten Pounds per Man*, for the Use of this State, to be recovered as is by said Act ordered.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, to wit : Officers chosen.

*Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq; Third Assistant, in the Room of *Ambrose Page*, Esq; who declined serving. Engaged.

*William West*, Esq; Seventh Assistant, in the Room of *Josiah Arnold*, Esq; who declined serving. Engaged.

<i>William Greene</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and throughout the State.
<i>Shearjashub Bourn</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Thomas Wells</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Perez Richmond</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Natban Miller*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*John Waterman*, Esq; Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*John Cook*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Chad Brown*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Charles Dyre*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

*Nathaniel Brown*, Esq; Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*William West*, Esq; Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Amos Atwell*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Peter Church*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*John Low*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*David Hilyard*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Elisba Mowry*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Ray Sands*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

*Archibald Kaffon*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*John Colwell, jun.* Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*John Angell*, Esq; (Son of *Stephen*) Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Peleg Heath*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Pardon Gray*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County *Newport*.

*George Peck*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Thomas Clarke*, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

*Joseph Knight*, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*H. Marchant* to draw £100 out of the Treasury, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; be empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, in Addition to what he hath already received; and that he account for the same, as a Delegate for this State.

Committee to transmit public Intelligence to the Delegates. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Henry Ward*, *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee to communicate, by Letter, Abstracts of the public Acts of the General Assembly of this State, or material Parts thereof, immediately upon the Rising of every Session, to the Delegates of this State in General Congress, together with any other Matters of a public Nature that from Time to Time may arise, which affect either this State in particular, or the general Cause of the United States.

*J. Belcher* allowed £ 7 17 s. WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Belcher* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Copper Gun-Ladles, Nails for Spunges, and for Cash by him paid for Freight of Small-Arms from *Newport*:



Newport: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Seventeen Skillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the said *Joseph Belcher* laid before this Assembly another And £ 2 Account, by him charged against the State, for six Pails, and divers 14 1. 4 4. 1 other Articles, delivered by Order of General *West*, for the Use of the Troops: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Fourteen Skillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the same *Joseph Belcher* presented unto this Assembly a And 111. third Account, by him charged against the State, for two Copper Laddes delivered for Capt. *Tyler*, for the Use of the Row-Galley: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eleven Skillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the said *Joseph Belcher* exhibited unto this Assembly another And £ 3 9 1. Account, by him charged against the State, for a Quantity of Nails 6 4. delivered to *Cromel* and *Caleb Child*, for the flat-bottomed Boats: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Nine Skillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General-Treasury.

BOTH Houses, joined in a Grand Committee, proceed in the Election, Officers and make Choice of the following Officers, *to wit*: chosen.

*Benjamin Underwood*, Esq; Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

<i>Thomas Greene</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> .
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Rufus Hopkins</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Daniel Mowry</i> , jun. Esq;	Fifth	

<i>William Potter</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's County</i> .
<i>John Northup</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Carder Haszard</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Immanuel Case</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> .
<i>John Child</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Joseph Reynolds</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Joseph Humpbreys</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Paul Mumford</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

*Philip*

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<i>Philip Greene, Esq;</i>	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> .
<i>James Arnold, Esq;</i>	Second	
<i>Gideon Mumford, Esq;</i>	Third	
<i>John Low, Esq;</i>	Fourth	
<i>Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq;</i>	Fifth	

*John Foster, Esq;* Judge of the Court erected for the Trial of Maritime Causes, within and throughout the State.

*Caleb Harris, Esq;* Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*Daniel Rodman, Esq;* Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *King's County*.

*Jonathan Russell, Esq;* Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Andrew Boyd, Esq;* Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Jesias Lyndon, Esq;* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

*Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq;* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*Freeman Perry, Esq;* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's County*.

*Daniel Bradford, Esq;* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Hopkins Cooke, Esq;* Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Jabez Champlin, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*Theodore Foster, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriah Brown, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *King's County*.

*Richard Smith, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

*John Reynolds, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

*John Foster, Samuel Chace, and James Arnold, jun. Esquires,* the Grand Committee, or State's Trustees, for signing Bills of public Credit.

THE aforesaid *John Foster* is chosen, and specially appointed, to take and have the Care and Charge of the State's Mortgages, and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due and to be due thereon, and also to make proper Acquittances and Discharges upon the Mortgages or otherwise, when he receives any of the State's Money; and in case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

*Jacob Whitman,* General-Sealer of Weights and Measures within and throughout the State.

*Henry Ward, Esq;* Public-Notary in and throughout the State.

*Samuel Chace, Esq;* Public-Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Enoch Stanton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, *E. Stanton al.* by him charged against the State, for his Service as Armourer to Col. *lowed £20.* *Lippitt's* Regiment, from the First Day of *September*, 1776, to the Thirtieth of *January* following, being Five Months, at *Four Pounds* Lawful Money per Month: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Enoch Stanton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Pardon Gray*, Esq; be empowered to *P. Gray to* draw *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, *draw £1500* to discharge the Contracts entered into by him, when a Commissary of this *out of the* State. *Treasury.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety, within the *A. Babcock to* Town of *Providence*, be and they are hereby empowered to receive of Mr. *Adam Babcock* Cloth sufficient for making Six Hundred Suits of Cloaths, *deliver* now in his Possession, belonging to the Continent, for the Use of the *Cloathing.* Continental Battalions raising within this State. And the said *Adam Babcock* having represented to this Assembly, that he is not authorised to deliver said Cloth without Orders from the Secret Committee, by whom he was employed to import the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will indemnify him with said Committee, for delivering said Cloth to said Committee of Safety, for the Purpose aforesaid.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That said Committee of Safety immediately employ Persons to make up said Cloth; and when made into Cloathing, that they deliver the same for the Use of said Battalions.

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration a Resolution of Congress of the Fourteenth of *April* last, recommending it to the several Legislatures of the United States to exempt from actual Service any two of the Militia, who shall, within a limited Time, furnish an able-bodied Recruit, to serve in any Battalion of the Continental Army, for Three Years, or during the War, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That if any two Men in this State, whether belonging to the Militia, Alarm-List, or Independent Companies, in this State, shall on or before the Fifteenth Day of *May* inst. enlist and deliver to any commissioned Officer of either of the two Continental Battalions, raising as the Quota of this State, an able-bodied effective Man, to serve in the same, for three Years or during the War, and who shall pass Muster, they shall be exempted from being draughted for or doing Duty in any of the Continental Battalions, for and during the Term for which such able-bodied Man shall enlist; and the Person so enlisted shall be entitled to and receive the whole of the Bounties and Allowances granted by Congress and this State, to Persons enlisting into either of said two Battalions. *Provided nevertheless*, That such Exemption shall not extend to excuse any Person from doing Duty in Time of an Alarm, or in case of a Draught for the immediate Defence of this State. *Act allowing Substitutes in the Continental Army.*

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That no Persons shall receive the Benefit of the aforesaid Exemption for any Man by them enlisted, unless at the Time of such Enlistment their Names be inserted thereon, and they produce a Certificate from the Officer receiving him, that he was

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really and truly inlisted upon their Account, and also make Oath before a Justice of the Peace, that the Man by them delivered was *bona fide* inlisted by and for them, without any Fraud or Deceit.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That a Copy of this Act be immediately sent by Express to the several Town-Clerks in this State.

Officers of the *Kingston Reds*. THE Return of the Choice of Officers to command the Independent Company of *Kingston Reds*, for the County of *King's County*, was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit*:

*John Weight*, Captain.  
*George Tafft*, First Lieutenant.  
*Nathan Taylor*, Second Lieutenant.  
*Samuel Eldred*, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

Officers of the United Artillery Company, in *Providence*. In Council was read the Return of the Choice of Officers to command the United Company of the Train of Artillery in *Providence*, and is as follows, *to wit*:

*Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Colonel.  
*Levi Hall*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.  
*Elihu Robinson*, Major.  
*Robert Taylor*, Captain.

WHICH being considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

Report of the Committee upon the two Capt. *Simmons's* Abstracts. WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford* and *Thomas Greene* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

IN Compliance with the Orders of this Honorable Assembly, we have examined into the Affair of the two Capt. *Simmons's*, and from the best Information we can collect, 'tis our Opinion that the Charges in their Abstracts are the same with those of the other Militia round these Shores, only with this Difference, that the Tour of actually being on Guard in some Parts comes round oftener than once in Four Days, which we think was no Fault of the Captains; but as the Commanding Officer thought Fifteen Men a sufficient Guard, he might have lessened the Number of Men then in Service from Sixty to Forty-five, which would have brought their Tour of actual Duty to once in Three Days, or have ordered Twenty Men on Guard at a Time, if he thought so many were necessary. Upon the whole, it is our Opinion, the Abstracts are rightly charged, deducting the Rations which have been received by Capt. *Gideon Simmons*, amounting to *Eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence*, and excepting the Ration-Bill exhibited by Capt. *George Simmons* to the Deputy-Commissary, *Pardon Gray*, Esq; which is to remain unpaid, which they have agreed to. Submitted to your Honors, by your humble Servants,

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
 THOMAS GREENE.

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted - provided that no Allowance be demanded from the State for Firewood, during said Term of Twenty-two Days; and that the above Balance of *Eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money be paid by the said *Gideon Simmons* into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Thomas Church* and *Cromel Child* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Time and Trouble in examining the Abstracts of the two Capt. *Simmons's*, and for Fees paid the Sheriff for his Service in said Business: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Thomas Church* and *Cromel Child*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Church and C. Child* allowed £ 3 6 s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *James Congdon*, 3d, one of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury

*J. Congdon*, 3d, to draw £ 1500 out of the Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Bread, and Forty Barrels of the Flour (if wanted) lately imported by this State, in the Sloop *Diamond*, be delivered to Col. *Daniel Tillinghast*, for the Use of the Continental Frigates within this State, the said *Daniel* to return an equal Quantity of Bread and Flour of the same Quality to this State, as soon as he can procure the same; and the said *Daniel* is hereby requested immediately to remove the Flour and Iron imported in said Sloop to Places of Safety, within this State.

Bread and Flour to be delivered to *D. Tillinghast*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Christopher Lippitt*, *Job Randall*, *James Babcock*, *Thomas Wells*, *Christopher Ellery* and *Ebenezer Thompson*, be a Committee to draft a Bill in Addition to and Amendment of the Act for preventing Monopolies, &c. and that Report be made to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Committee to draft a Bill in Addition to the Act against Monopolies, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Smith*, as one of the Committee of Safety, be empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money.

*J. Smith* to draw £ 1000 out of the Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That if any two Men, in any of the Towns who have raised or shall raise their Quota of the Five Hundred Men proportioned to the several Towns within this State, shall enlist and deliver an able-bodied effective Man, agreeable to the Resolve of this Assembly, the Committees of Safety are directed to pay to the Person so enlisted the whole of the Bounties and Allowances allowed by Congress and this State, to Persons so enlisting into either of said two Battalions.

Recruits enlisted for two Men to receive the whole Bounty.

WHEREAS the Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in attending Col. *Putnam*, to lay out Lines on *Rhode-Island*; for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to the Assembly of *Massachusetts-Bay*, to request them to join in fortifying *Bristol* and *Howland's* Ferries; for one Day's Attendance on the Committee from said State, to view said Ferries, and for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences,

*W. Bradford* allowed £ 16 7 s. 4 d.

pences, in going to *Boston* to solicit for Two Thousand Men, for the Defence of this State: And the said Account having been duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Palliser* allowed Sur-  
geon's Mate's  
Pay, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jacques Palliser*, who has acted as a Surgeon's Mate, in the Regimental Hospital, at *Bristol*, be allowed, after the first Month, the Pay and Rations heretofore allowed the Regimental Mates in the Continental Service.

*B. Tillinghast* to draw  
Money for  
*West-Green-  
wich*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Benjamin Tillinghast* be empowered to draw the Money allowed the Town of *West-Greenwich*, for paying the Bounties to the Men proportioned to said Town, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Christophers* to draw  
Ensign's Pay, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Christophers* draw the Pay and Rations of an Ensign, from the Time of his entering into the Service of this State.

Officers  
chosen, BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, to wit:

*Christopher Greene*, Esq; Colonel of the first Continental Battalion, raising in this State.

The Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq;  
The Honorable *William Bradford*, Esq;  
The Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq;  
*William Greene*, Esq;  
*John Tanner*, Esq;  
*Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq;  
*Daniel Caboon*, Esq;  
*James Arnold*, Esq;  
*Henry Ward*, Esq;  
*Christopher Ellery*, Esq;  
*Christopher Lippitt*, Esq;  
*Immanuel Case*, Esq;  
*Thomas Wells*, Esq;  
*Cromel Child*, Esq;  
*Job Comstock*, Esq;

Members of the Council  
of War, appointed to act  
in the Recess of the Ge-  
neral Assembly, agree-  
able to the Act appoint-  
ing said Council.

*Sylvanus Shaw*, Captain in Colonel *Angell's* Battalion of Continental Troops.

*Nathan Olney*, First Lieutenant in Capt. *Shaw's* Company,

*Elijah Hawkins*, jun. Ensign in Col. *Angell's* Battalion.

*Nathaniel Phillips*, Ensign in the same Battalion.

*Simon Smith*, Ensign in Col. *Greene's* Battalion.

*Luke Greene*, Ensign in the same Battalion.

*Asa Miner*, Ensign in the same Battalion.

*John Cooke*, Quarter-Master in the same Battalion.

*Peter Turner*, Surgeon in the same Battalion, in the Room of Doctor *Jeslyn*, who declines.

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*Israel Stoddard*, Ensign in the same Battalion.  
*Charles Thompson*, Chaplain in the same Battalion.  
*Ebenezer David*, Chaplain to Col. *Angell's* Battalion.  
*Joseph Crandall*, Captain of the Row-Galley *Spitfire*.  
*Martin Seamans*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, in the  
 Room of *Theodore Foster*, Esq; who resigns.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences and Horse-hire, to attend on the Assembly, at *South-Kingstown*, at April Session last: And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Seven Shillings and Twopence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for sweeping and cleaning the State-House, in *Providence*, and for Coal and Candles, by him provided for the Use of the Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Welcome Arnold* be empowered to purchase as much Salt, at the stated Price, in the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, as he can procure, for the Use of this State: That he send the same into this State; and that he be empowered to draw *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose aforesaid.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *John Hopkins*, or any one of the commissioned Officers of the Ship *Warren*, under the Direction of any Justice of the Peace in this State, be empowered to impress, within this State, a sufficient Number of Men for the present Cruize, being Seamen, transient, foreign Persons, and not Inhabitants of this or any of the United States, and not enlisted into the Service of this State or the Continent: That the Men so impressed, upon their entering the Ship's Books, shall be entitled to and receive the same Bounties, Wages and Allowances, as those already entered on board the said Ship are entitled to; and that the several Justices of the Peace, when called upon by the said *John Hopkins*, or any of his commissioned Officers, be and they are hereby directed to give every Assistance to the above mentioned Service.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That any Member of the General Assembly, who shall attend upon the Council of War, shall in all Matters before said Council have an equal Vote with the standing Members; but shall not be entitled to receive Pay for his Services.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be empowered to procure a sufficient Number of Blankets, to return for some of those received from some of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Rehoboth*, for the Use of the Continental Troops heretofore within this State, provided the Persons from whom they were purchased are dissatisfied with receiving Pay for the same.

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Powder, &c.  
to be deli-  
vered to sun-  
day Towns.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. John Jenckes, or Ambrose Page, Esq; deliver to Capt. Stephen Winsor Three Hundred Weight of Powder, with a proportionable Quantity of Lead, and Paper for Cartridges, for the Town of Gloucester; and Three Hundred Weight of Powder, and a proportionable Quantity of Lead, and Paper for Cartridges, to General West. for the Town of Scituate; and One Hundred Weight of Powder, and a proportionable Quantity of Lead, and Paper for Cartridges, to Mr. Edward Wells, for the Town of Hopkinton.

W. Cbanning  
allowed £ 1  
12 s.

WHEREAS William Cbanning, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences, in attending on the Assembly, as Assistant Clerk, at South-Kingsdown, April Session last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being One Pound Eighteen Skillings Lawful Money, be paid unto the said William Cbanning, out of the General-Treasury.

Time length-  
ened for fil-  
ling the Con-  
tinental Bat-  
talions.

THIS Assembly having passed an Act lengthening the Time by which the Quota of the Continental Battalions ordered to raised by the several Towns to the Fifteenth of the Month, and also passed an Act exempting any two Persons who shall enlist a Man into either of the said Battalions by the said Time from certain Duties, and that Time appearing to be too short for the great Purpose of compleating the Levies; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time mentioned in the said Acts be extended to the Seventeenth Day of this Instant: That the Fines mentioned in said first mentioned Act, in case of Delinquency, shall be then incurred; and that the several Towns make exact and particular Returns to the General Assembly, on the First Day of the next Session.

Officers con-  
tinued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Choice of all Officers usually appointed at the General Election, which have not been chosen, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: And that in the mean Time the Persons now sustaining such Offices, continue to exercise them with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: And that the Secretary, within Thirty Days, send Copies of the Acts and Orders of this Assembly to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to Monday the Nineteenth Day of this inst. May, then to meet at South-Kingsdown.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,

*Henry Ward*

















